

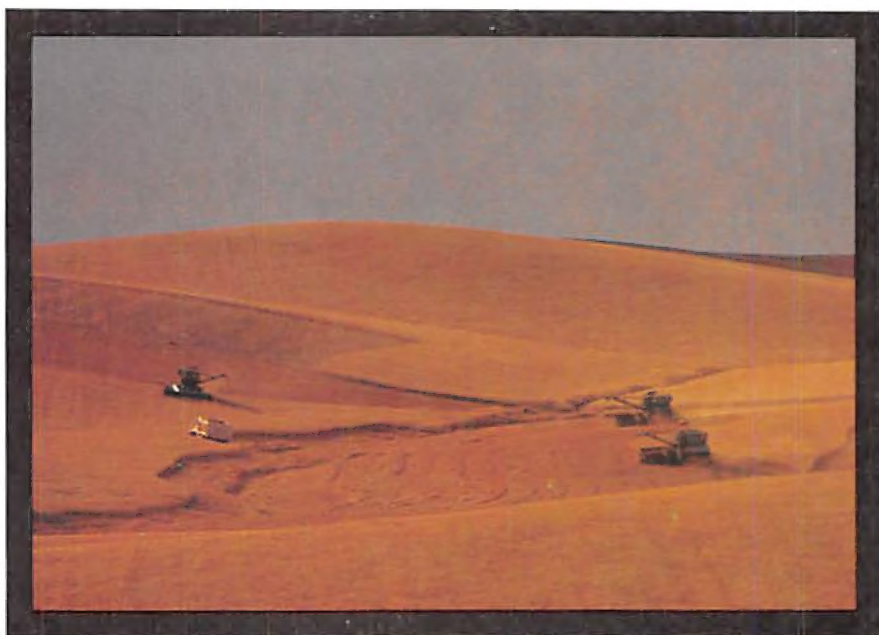
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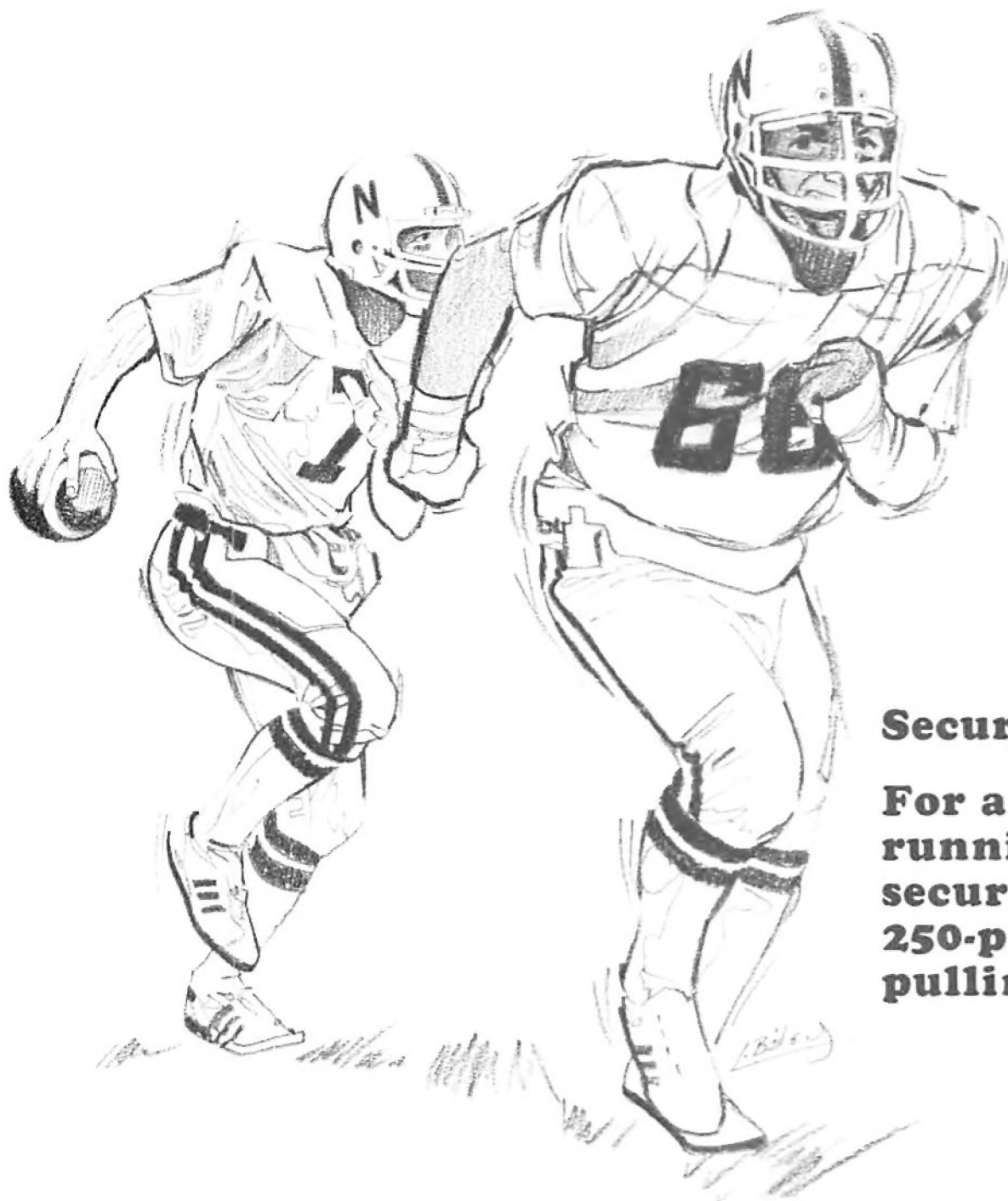
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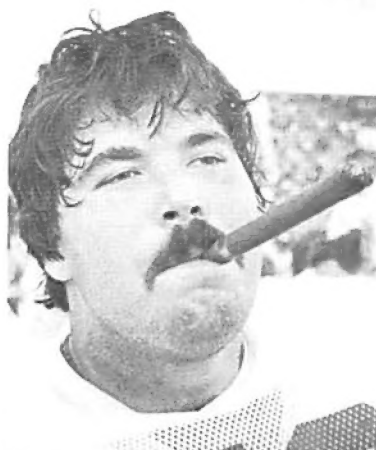
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No doubt about what the Huskers and coach Tom Osborne are celebrating. Lincoln Journal-Star photographer Humberto Ramirez was on hand at the joyous finish as Nebraska routed Oklahoma, 37-14, to send Sooner fans home early in the regular season finale for the Big Eight champions. 1981 was, indeed, a great Nebraska year.

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Huskers Thirst For Championship, But Take The Paws That Depresses

Hoping for a happier case of déjà vu, Nebraska looked to 1970, but ended up with a repeat of the 1965 New Year's day bowl sequence.

By Tom Ash

The 1982 Orange Bowl game was twenty minutes along on its fade into history, and a small herd of news media types — those interested enough to preserve the words of a runner-up — gathered around Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne. Back there, in that darkened alleyway outside the Cornhusker locker room, it was a long hike, setting-wise, from the glitter of the preceding four hours.

Across the way, a much larger force was crushing Coach Danny Ford up against a wall in the Clemson quarters.

Osborne had to shout to be heard above the din coming from the opposite corner of that west end zone. Some 20,000 Tiger followers prolonged their ultimate glory. Their "We're No. 1" chant rattled off the empty seats in the rest of the stadium, spilled over the rim of the grand old saucer and washed out across the seedy midtown Miami neighborhood.

The next day, the word spread across the land. Clemson 22, Nebraska 15. College football's David, had, indeed, qualified for long britches. The Tigers stepped to the head of the big boys' parade. No argument. National champions.

Nebraska's season ended as a dream come close. With lost opportunities dripping from the steel framework overhead, Osborne paid his respects to the victors and allowed: "This was the most disappointing loss I've ever been associated with."

Not Oklahoma. Not Missouri. Not Penn State. Not Iowa. None could match the moment.

"We had a chance to win it all. We

had it in our hands and let it get away," Osborne lamented. "It was the national title."

The pain cut deep, but. . .

Inside the Husker locker room, Athletic Director Bob Devaney grasped Dan Hurley's beefy paw and said quietly, "Damn good job. Not many teams get to play for the national championship."

The disappointment was evident in every corner, but. . .

Cornerback Rodney Lewis, dry-eyed and with a firm voice, said, "I just want to say I'm glad I came to Nebraska. Very few people get to play for a major college and for all this."

Lewis had followed his buddy, 1980 All-American safety Russell Gary, from Minneapolis. Lewis walked on. It was no secret that he felt he hadn't received a fair shake earlier in his career. He was dubbed "Gloom." He became a regular as a senior, but his final campaign was not all flat terrain, either.

After his final game, Lewis concluded, "I'm sorry we lost, but I'm happy I played for this organization. It's a great program with great coaches. I learned a lot. I learned a lot about myself. I'm happy about that."

The national championship had eluded them, but Osborne maintained that the 1981 team was the greatest of his nine. Nine and three wasn't his greatest record, but the season's goal — the Big Eight championship — had been met. The gravy had to be scraped from the skillet.

The losses were to Rose Bowling Iowa, Fiesta Bowl champion Penn State, the nation's No. 3 team, and grand

champion Clemson.

The Huskers had hoped for history to repeat. It did, but the dates got confused.

They had gone in ranked No. 4 in the nation against top-ranked, unbeaten Clemson. They could take care of their own business, but they needed help in the ascension.

Higher-ranked Alabama had to lose to Texas in the Cotton Bowl, which it kindly did, that New Year's afternoon. In the Sugar Bowl that night, Pittsburgh had to upend No. 2 Georgia. Pitt obliged, and the Huskers got the word via the p.a. system with 3:13 remaining. Ultimately, the winner in Miami that night would surely wear the rings of national champions.

Alas, while the first two pieces of the national championship puzzle fit snugly, Dame Fortune did a messy job carving the final piece.

The old gal had finished her Husker handiwork under similar conditions for a first national title in 1970 when she did the job on higher-ranked Texas and Ohio State, and Nebraska finished off Louisiana State in the Orange Bowl.

Devaney had a special empathy for Osborne after this one. Devaney's unbeaten, 1965 team was ranked third behind Michigan State, which fell in the Rose Bowl to UCLA, and Arkansas, which slipped in the Cotton Bowl against LSU. But Alabama pulled the plug on the dream finish in that Orange Bowl visit.

Clemson, the country boys in the pumpkin suits and its fans slapping those Tiger Paws stickers all over town, came up with the paws that depresses for the



Quarterback Mark Mauer was hounded all night by the Tiger defense.

Huskers.

The Tigers, it turned out, had the winning color code, blending their special-occasion orange pants with their orange shirts. They are 4-0 when their seniors have elected that combination.

Nebraska tried to counter with spiffy new red face masks, but the striped-shirts' yellow hankies were more compatible with all that orange.

The following afternoon, Nebraska middle guard Curt Hinline let the hot sun nurse his bruises beside the Brickell Point Holiday Inn, the Husker home for 10 days, and tried to put it all in perspective. "I think sometimes the fans take it harder than we do. We know we played as hard as we could and did the best we could. We're disappointed, sure, but you can't do any more than that," he said.

The final outcome aside, the 1982 Orange Bowl was a resounding success for Nebraska. Such extravaganzas are largely a reward for a season's worth of success and an opportunity to showcase quality for the nation. A biproduct is the attraction of future Huskers.

The weather was a South Florida Chamber of Commerce dream. The Huskers were blessed with an unbroken run of temperatures in the 80s. Since the beaches were miles away from the Husker camp on Biscayne Bay in downtown Miami, the motel pool and outdoor lounge area, surrounded by palms, was the focal point of activities.

Nebraska fled the frigid north on Christmas Eve. While most of the players attended the team Christmas dinner, others opted to accept the invitations of Miamians. Backup quarterback Bruce Mathison was the envy of his teammates when he and his wife were guests in the palatial home of former Miami Dolphin quarterback and now coach Bob Griese.

The team was joined in the sun by about 12,500 backers, who were badly outnumbered by Clemsonites. Did any travel farther than Ray and Sally Noyes, parents of tight end Mitch Krenk, who stopped off at their

former home in Nebraska City en route from Washington state?

For tight end Jamie Williams, it was old home week. The day he arrived, he was reunited with his grandmother in Vero Beach. He was born in the area and moved to Davenport, Iowa when he was 6.

"My older brothers, Claude and Dennis, stayed down here. Until I was in high school, I wanted to come down here and live with one of my brothers. I have a lot of relatives here. I hated it in Iowa. I never got to the point of liking snow," he said. Williams had to scrounge 16 tickets for the game.

The trip was a honeymoon for newlyweds Kurt Glathar, Grant Campbell and Mike McElroy.

On arrival, I-back Roger Craig was giddy with the excitement of it all. He slapped palms with former Davenport teammate Jamie Williams and chortled: "We finally made it — Miami."

Craig and fellow I-back Mike Rozier revelled in the attention, con-

gratulating themselves for their clever handling of countless interviews. More than 300 press credentials were issued. Center Dave Rimington, the Outland Trophy winner, finally had enough and shut off interviews.

After he rushed for 75 yards and threw a touchdown pass in the losing cause, Rozier was so crestfallen, he asked to say no more. Craig, who led all rushers with 87 yards and scored a touchdown, said, "I don't want to hear anything about waiting until next year. We had our chance tonight."

The ground rules were established right off. There was plenty of time for vacationing, but those two hours of practice time at Miami University were all business. Sort of.

On Christmas day, Coach Cletus Fischer felt his offensive linemen were dragging in the muggy heat. He berated them and ordered them into position once more. About that time, a group of defensive backs, moving to another station, sauntered by and broke into a chorus of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

The heat and humidity became a sizable issue. Which team would handle it better? Which training methods were preferred?

The Huskers had opened bowl practices a week earlier than Clemson, in the Nebraska cold. The Tigers initially set up camp at New Smyrna Beach in northern Florida for a week of two-a-day practices. Nebraska's coach thought such rigor was a strange routine so late in the year and secretly hoped it would leave the Tigers leg weary.

There was speculation that the Huskers had the bowl routine down pat since they had been through it 18 of the last 19 years. Clemson had not played on New Year's day since 1959.

"But who knows what's right in bowl games?" Osborne said. "They might have felt they had to catch up because we started a week earlier. We think you've got to give them time to get their legs back. If they're not in shape now, they're not in shape."

"This is the worst stretch of practice time because of the heat that I can remember. It's a lot more taxing."

After three days in Miami, Osborne met with his players for an hour in the morning, then gave them an unprecedented day off Sunday to hit the beaches. "We'd had five days in a row in pads. It seemed like a good idea.



Toby Williams leaps high to pressure Clemson's Homer Jordan.

The players appreciated it. Most of those things, you just play by ear," he said.

After the game, the Tigers claimed that they had out-conditioned the Huskers. But Nebraska cut a 22-7 lead to 22-15 in the last quarter. Clemson quarterback Homer Jordan was unable to meet the press afterwards because he was receiving an intravenous glucose solution for heat exhaustion.

"We had a spark going," Husker split end Scott Woodard said. "They were sucking air."

There also were questions about how Clemson could handle all the attendant distractions. Nebraska, despite trailing by three notches in the polls, was favored by four points, partly because Clemson's schedule was suspect and partly because Nebraska was used to dealing with such things.

"It seems like you're just running from one thing to the next. There's not much time to sit down and get things right with the players," Osborne said. "You try to get all the mental preparation down before you get here because you know you won't have the time."

Ford, meanwhile, was growling about the constant interruptions. He showed up for a press conference the day before the game complaining that he was scheduled for a meeting with the officials at the same time.

"I don't know who the heat will affect. The team with the most depth will win. I don't know who that will be," Osborne said. "Distractions? I just don't know who will cope with that best."

The days fled by: suntans and sweat...stone crab and red snapper...strategy sessions and film study...dog races (defensive end Tony Felici was the big winner) and jai alai...wind surfing at the beach.

A group of redshirts went out and bought cheap fishing rods and a bucket of shrimp and sat up all night one night fishing for pan fish in the bay behind the hotel. Other groups took deep sea excursions. When Equipment Manager Glen Abbott headed the equipment truck back north the load included several packages of iced mackerel.

Defensive tackle Ron Bachman landed a 37-pound sailfish, but when he learned the price of having it mounted, he said, "Cut it loose."

There were some hitches along the way, too. The Huskers had looked forward to lunching aboard the S. S. Norway, the world's largest cruise ship. The plan was scrubbed because of a \$1 million fire in the engine room.

The elevators in the spanking new 17-story hotel were ill equipped to handle the beefy visitors. Several were forced to climb out with the cars stuck between floors. The team slept through a fire in a second-floor utility room at 1 a.m., two nights before the game. There was no water on the upper floors because of a faulty pump on game day.

Inevitably, there were comparisons between the contrasting styles of the head coaches. O. B. President J. Stephen Hudson labeled Osborne the consummate gentleman with the unqualified respect of his players, "a quiet, intellectual, impressive, somewhat stoic individual." Ford, it was noted, has been known to open a window at the Waldorf Astoria in New York to spit tobacco juice and to party with his players.

Despite the differences, the opponents ran similar offenses, and Ford expressed his gratitude to Osborne for sending former Husker assistant Jerry Moore to Clemson five years ago to help install the Nebraska I-formation system. "We were looking for the best I-formation team we could find," Ford said.

The local press blew up the anticipated match between Rimington and

a pair of celebrated Clemson middle guards. Line Coach Milt Tenopir was asked if Rimington's presence made better players out of guards Mike Mandelko and Tom Carlstrom. Tenopir bristled and explained that "Rimington is a great player, but Mandelko and Carlstrom are great players in their own right."

The Clemson pair eventually made one tackle between them.

There were worrisome moments for the Huskers along the way. Quarterback Mark Mauer, who had filled in so admirably for injured star Turner Gill in the finale against Oklahoma, developed a sore shoulder from throwing in the cold back home. Since scout team quarterback Todd Zart also came up with a lame arm, Osborne sent an urgent message back to Nebraska for freshman Travis Turner to pack his bags.

Mauer completed only five of 15 passes for 38 yards, but he said the shoulder was not the problem.

Early in the week, cornerback Ric Lindquist went down with a sprained ankle after colliding with tackle Henry Waechter on a passing drill, and

linebacker Brent Evans was a questionable participant because of a shoulder injury but both played with no apparent after-effects.

As game day neared, the Huskers became more fidgety. With two days to go, Linebacker Coach John Melton left the practice field saying, "We've done about all we can do. They're ready. I wish the damn game would get here."

Osborne, meanwhile, was doing his best to downplay any discussions about a national championship for his team. "All Danny (Ford) has to do is win. We have to have help. If Georgia wins or Alabama wins, we don't want our players thinking they have nothing to play for. We just want to play well in the Orange Bowl. Things have to fall in place."

Ford said, "We'll take the darn thing if they (Huskers) will let us have it. All I know is we've played 11 times and whipped 11 folks. I'd like to believe we're Cinderella."

Husker Mauer had the same feeling. He had been resurrected after falling in to disfavor following an opening loss to Iowa. Mauer won a glass slipper against Oklahoma, but sorry, only one

Cinderella per party.

Finally, the longest day arrived. In midmorning, Mauer and Mathison, the top two quarterbacks, shared a table in the hotel training room with heat packs on a shoulder and knee, respectively. An omen?

Defensive tackle Doug Hermann walked in. "What time do we tape?" he asked. He was told to relax. The game was hours away.

The Huskers whiled away the afternoon watching the early bowl games on TV. Their resignation turned to great expectation when Texas overcame a 10-point deficit in the last quarter to dispatch Alabama in the Cotton Bowl.

One down.

The Huskers fairly knocked the doors down getting to the buses.

As expected, it was hot and muggy on the floor of the Orange Bowl. Nebraska and Clemson would platoon to the hilt.

What developed early for Nebraska was not expected. In those critical early stages, the Huskers had hoped to jump out quick and reinforce the notion that the Tigers were playing out of their

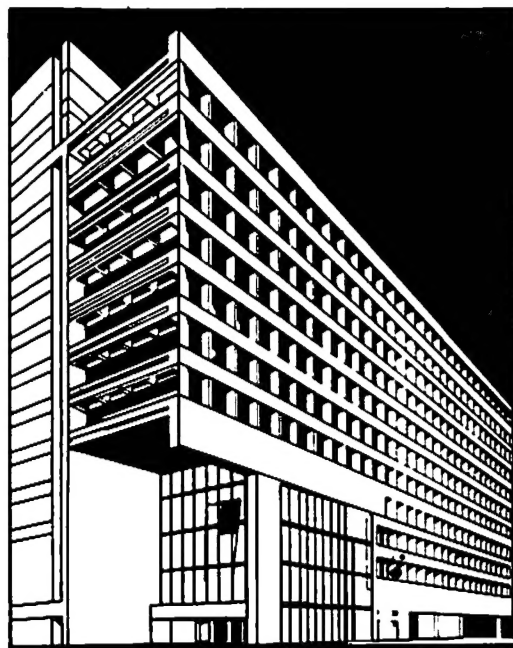
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Dear Big Red Mailbag:

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Stanley Nakashima
Mount Vernon, Wash.

Dear Stanley:

Although Washington natives Mark, Leroy and Curt Hineline have contributed greatly to Husker success in recent years, the state is no longer on the active recruiting list. Recruiting Coordinator Jerry Pettibone, however, says, "If a great player is interested in Nebraska, we'll go anywhere in the country."

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

Enclosed is a picture of Judge Francis Mayhue and his wife Joan showing his van to my wife Mary Ann and me. Driving to Norman, you can imagine the stares we get from both Nebraska and Oklahoma fans.

Here's to Arkansans for the Cornhuskers!

Duane Wilson
Fort Smith, AR

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

Nebraska football is known far and wide. In 1980 my wife and I were on a tour of the Holy Land. We had taken a cable car up on Mount Masada. Some fellow asked my wife where she was from. She told him Nebraska. He replied, "Oh, Go Big Red. That Tom Osborne is a real coach. He likes good football played by good scholars, and that Bob Devaney was a wonderful coach, too." This man resides in

Jerusalem. He apparently keeps close tabs on sports in the U.S.A.

Eldon E. Higby
Aurora, NE

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

I would like to see an article highlighting all the bowl games Nebraska has played in. This publication is tops. I love to show it off to the Georgia, Clemson, Alabama, Auburn and Florida State fans here at work.

Raymond R. Sokol
Savannah, GA

Dear Raymond:

Flashbacks to Husker bowl games and other noteworthy events will be regular features in our "Tradition" section in future issues.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

What teams did Nebraska ever beat by 100 points or more? And, would you list every game Nebraska ever played and the final scores?

David E. Salisbury
Omaha, NE

Dear David:

Nebraska's 100-point games were 102-31 over Creighton in 1905, 117-0 over Kearney Normal in 1911 and 100-0 over Nebraska Wesleyan in 1916. We have no plans to run every Husker score, but you can find them in Don Bryant's Nebraska Football Guide, \$4, Sports Information Office, 116 South Stadium, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 68588.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

I drive in every Saturday from McCook, 240 miles away, and drive home after the game. This is the 22nd consecutive year that I haven't missed

a game in Lincoln. I have driven in snow storms, icy roads and rain and cold. The ticket taker at the center gate No. 20 in the East Stadium always greets me with, "Nice to see you. How was the trip in from McCook this morning." **Huskers Illustrated** is truly great.

Frank Fruman
McCook, NE

Dear Frank:

Fans like you make it pleasant duty for the **Huskers Illustrated** staff. We hope the 23rd year is your best ever.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

I heard a story which illustrates how I feel, and I tell it whenever I talk to any group. One recent fall afternoon in Lincoln, after 100 consecutive sellouts, there was a vacant seat. Then elderly lady sitting next to it was recognized as a regular and finally was asked why the other seat was vacant. She replied, "Well, I supposed one of the boys could have come, but they kind of wanted to go to the funeral." As long as I live, I shall remain in Iowa, but I shall continue to love the Cornhuskers, proudly.

Donald J. Shirley
Perry, IA

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

You find Cornhuskers everywhere, even at 12,000 feet. I was climbing in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, and I decided to imprint "Go Big Red" in an ice and snow field. My snow imprint is probably still beaming its hex 12,000 feet over Colorado.

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Most Decorated Cornhusker Was A Pee wee Team Reject

But his high school coach knew Dave Rimington was "destined to be a great one".

Something caught the eye of Omaha South High Football Coach John Faïman during practice one fall afternoon in 1974. He looked up and noticed a muscular young man jogging around the track.

Faïman asked his players if they knew who the jogger was.

Dave Rimington, a ninth grader at Indian Hills Junior High, he was told. "I thought he was an Omaha U. student," Faïman recalled.

Faïman fairly salivated at the prospect of Rimington as a Packer griddier. "He never had to grow another inch. He was about 6-2 and 200 pounds. No question about it, he was destined to be a great one," he said.

Faïman enjoyed only one full season with Rimington, who started for him as a center-defensive tackle as a sophomore. The next year, Rimington was lost with a broken leg in the opening game against Bryan. The two parted company the following year. Faïman joined the Washington State University staff and later moved on to Missouri, where he is offensive coordinator.

Rimington finished off his prep career in style and has fulfilled Faïman's prophecy by becoming the most celebrated player for the Big Eight champion Nebraska Cornhuskers as a junior.

He became the third Husker (Rich Glover and Larry Jacobson were the others) to win the prestigious Outland Trophy, presented to the nation's outstanding interior lineman by the Football Writers Association of America. He was only the third junior and second center in 36 years to win it.

Rimington's honors list included: Big Eight offensive player of the year, All-



Outland Trophy winner Dave Rimington and his wife Lisa. Rimington's talk of turning pro and by-passing his final year as a Husker caused plenty of unrest among Nebraska fans.

American by the AP, UPI, Walter Camp, Kodak, Football Writers and Football News, All-Big Eight by the AP, UPI and *Omaha World-Herald*, Academic All-American and Academic All-Big Eight.

"All the things that happened to him haven't surprised me," Faiman said. "When he was young, he was way above everybody else. He could play with seniors when he was a sophomore. He had that on-field competitiveness. It only happens to a few kids."

Although Rimington achieved greatness as a center, he was better on defense, Faiman claimed. "Clete (Husker offensive line coach and chief



in-state recruiter) probably wouldn't let the Nebraska defensive coach look at the films or he wouldn't have had him," Faiman said.

Rimington, however, said he was a center all the way. "I have the quickness, but I don't have the speed to run people down," he said.

The third of Emile and Barbara Rimington's four children didn't find immediate success while cutting his athletic teeth in the 41st and Drexel Streets neighborhood. He was cut in his first tryout with the Omaha Peewees football team, later playing three seasons. He played baseball and basketball out of the Friendship Athletic Club and wrestled from the eighth grade through his junior year at South. But the Packers had an all-state heavyweight named John Sherlock, now Rimington's Husker teammate, "and I

could see no future in it."

When Rimington was 16, the family moved above a grocery store his father operated at 30th and Madison for 1½ years. "Those are the years I did most of my growing. My dad made Hogie sandwiches, and I must have eaten six or seven of them a day. That's probably why we went out of business," he said.

Between Hogies and weight lifting, Rimington grew to 240 pounds by the time he checked in as a Husker. He played at about 285 last season.

It was while recuperating from the broken leg his junior year at South that he "really got into weight training," Rimington said. He and several buddies worked out daily at Patterson's Health Club after practice at school.

The broken leg and subsequent knee injuries also made him realize that "football won't be there all the time. I wanted to do the best I could in athletics and academics. The academic All-American will look good on resumes. People can't stereotype me as a dumb jock," he said.

Rimington sat out his freshman year at Nebraska as a hardship redshirt after a knee injury in the Shrine Bowl game and surgery. He was scheduled for another knee operation this month.

In his second frosh year, he backed up Kelly Saalfeld and moved into the starting lineup as a sophomore.

"I feel very lucky. Not many from South Omaha have had the opportunities I've had," he said.

By his sophomore season, Coach Tom Osborne was claiming Rimington was tops in a long line of outstanding Husker centers. Rimington felt the recognition would come, "but not this year."

The reason was the presence of Missouri center Brad Edelman, who made the wire services All-Big Eight teams the year before and dominated preseason publicity.

But the coaches, who study more film than sportswriters, were more knowing. In *The Omaha World-Herald's* coaches poll in 1980, Edelman and Rimington each received four votes. Edelman made the star team at center and Rimington at guard.

Attention was focused on Rimington at midseason of his junior year when the coaches were asked to name one player, not from their own team, they would pick to start a team. Missouri's Warren Powers, Kansas' Don Fam-

brough and Colorado's Chuck Fairbanks chose Rimington. Fairbanks likened Rimington to the New England Patriots' John Hannah for dominance.

"I don't know that he played any different than he did the year before," Nebraska Offensive Line Coach Milt Tenopir said. "With TV exposure and word of mouth, people realized the kid is a heck of a football player."

Husker publicist Don Bryant spread the word on the Big Eight Coaches' opinions, which no doubt helped, "but he's no paper All-American. He's authentic. Some players make the teams because of outstanding press releases. Don Bryant and his staff pushed him a lot, but it's easier to push an outstanding player," Tenopir said.

"Nearly every coach has commented about him after we played them. He dominated people. We haven't had anybody quicker with his balance. I don't know that we've had a more complete player at any position, with strength, quickness, unusual size and intelligence," Tenopir said.

Which doesn't mean that Rimington hasn't needed coaching. "Sometimes he has a problem blocking too high. That comes from thinking he's stronger than he is. But he's smart enough to do what he has to do. He can block high or get down and scramble with you. He's an innovative player. I don't think he had one game when he was handled twice in a row.

There also was a time when the coaches had to rein in Rimington. His quickness was throwing off the line timing.

"He's a rambunctious-type player, particularly if he had a difficult block to reach a guy," Tenopir said. "He would snap the ball a hair early. He anticipated the count, but he's still quicker than heck. Nobody beats him off the ball."

Rimington played most of his junior season with a damaged knee. "It gradually got worse," he said. "When I was over the ball it didn't hurt. There were too many things to think about. But getting back to the huddle, I realized, man, this hurts."

While he appreciated the flood of attention, Rimington said, "when you start thinking about things like that you start screwing up. I just want to have fun playing football. I can't wait to get back to the way it was, in the background." ●

Rodgers Made Emotional Moment For Devaney

Hall of Fame induction ranks behind the night that his Heisman winner gave the Orange Bowl game ball to Rex Lowe following a big win over Alabama.

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His most emotional moment did not come in the 1971 "Game of the Century" at Oklahoma. It did not come 10 years later either, when he received his highest coaching honor — induction into the National Football Foundation's Hall of Fame in New York.

No, Bob Devaney's most emotional moment came in the locker room following Nebraska's 38-6 win over Alabama in the 1972 Orange Bowl.

"What I saw in the locker room after the game meant more than anything I'd seen all night during the game," Devaney recalled. "I saw a side of Johnny Rodgers that I wish other people could have seen."

That night, Devaney's Cornhuskers finished a 13-0 season and repeated as national champions. They had just handed the legendary Bear Bryant his first loss in 12 games.

"Everybody was in the mood to celebrate," Devaney recalled. "There was a lot of whoopin' and hollerin'. The reporters were all huddling around Rodgers, sensing he was going to get the MVP award. All of a sudden, he jumped up on the bench, holding the game ball high above his head."

According to Devaney, Rodgers yelled something like: "Hey guys, give me your attention. I know we always put it



Bob Devaney is carried off the field in Norman after his Huskers defeated Oklahoma, 35-31, in "The Game" in 1971. (UPI photo library).

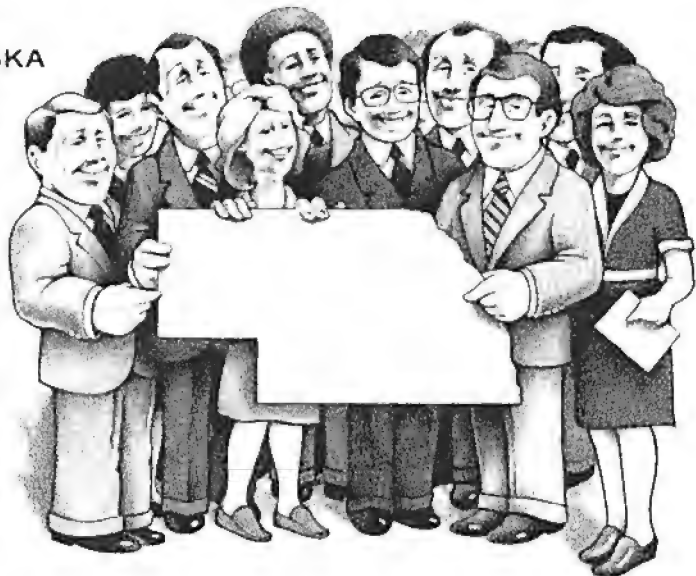
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to a vote to see who gets the game ball. But I say it should go by acclamation to one of the greatest guys there is, Rex Lowe."

The team's response gave Devaney a rare case of goose pimples. Lowe was a talented split end suffering from Hodgkins Disease. After watching the game from the sidelines in a wheelchair, Lowe had quietly rolled into a corner of the locker room.

The way Devaney reconstructs the scene, Rodgers jumped off the bench and made his way through a minor traffic jam. Rodgers reached out his hand and said: "Hey, Rex, this is yours...from all the guys." Then he put the ball into Lowe's arms.

Bob Devaney may forget some of Rodger's greatest punt returns, but he will never forget that scene.

"Aaaaw, Johnny, you're the greatest," he remembers Lowe as saying. "You and all the guys in here are the greatest buddies a guy ever had."

After he said it, Lowe began to cry. Rodgers put his arm around him and hugged him. "Thank you, thank you," Lowe said, fighting back the tears.

"God, that was a touching scene," Devaney remembered. "It was touching for everyone — the kind you see in the movies. Here was a strong black kid, hugging a weak white kid. Rodgers didn't say anything, but tears were running down his cheeks.

"I didn't put it all together at the time," Devaney admitted. "But looking back, I can see why John Rodgers felt something for Rex Lowe. Rex went through all the physical suffering and John went through all that emotional suffering."

Devaney's memory of that emotional incident, isolated from all of his remarkable accomplishments in 11 years as Nebraska's head coach, does not surprise Duffy Daugherty.

Daugherty, the ex-Michigan State coach who launched Devaney's college coaching career, considers the Hall of Fame's most recent inductee as a great "people person" as well as an outstanding football coach.

"Bob was a great football mind, but anybody can learn a lot about the

game," Daugherty said. "Bob was also a great teacher. He had that remarkable capacity to motivate people and get the most out of them. He always seemed to find the right button to push. It's a God-given talent. You can't acquire it. Some people can inspire other people. Some can't."

Duffy Daugherty, a man who was nominated for the same Hall of Fame award Devaney received, believes his ex-assistant coach "has a whole career that is testimony to his ability to motivate those around him. Even though he did it as a head coach, to a higher degree with a greater opportunity, he also did it as an assistant coach. I never had anyone do a better job than he did."

Daugherty saw Devaney as a coach for all positions. "It didn't make any difference what side of the ball he was on," Duffy said. "He could coordinate a defense or coach the receivers. Whatever you asked him to do, you knew you were getting the best."

That's why Duffy did not hesitate to recommend Devaney for the head job at Nebraska.

Daugherty does not remember having to do much of a selling job. Devaney sold himself. In a telephone interview from his home in Santa Barbara, California, Duffy remembers the situation as two schools wanting the same man at the same time.

"Bob and I coached together that year in the North-South Shrine game in Miami," Duffy recalled. "Bob was still at Wyoming, but didn't know if they were going to let him out of his contract to take the Nebraska job. That's when I started calling him a 'Cow-Husker.' He didn't know if he was going to be a Cowpoke or a Cornhusker."

Even now, the invented word makes Duffy laugh. "Bob and I had a lot of good times together," he said. "Bob had a great sense of humor. Sometimes people forget that was a part of his being a great football coach."

In Daugherty's mind, Devaney's charisma "helped change Nebraska's football program around almost overnight. I could be wrong about this," Duffy said. "But I believe Bob Devaney turned things around at Nebraska faster than anybody in major college football history. He united an entire state. He made Big Red famous."

Duffy was not surprised. He learned to expect dramatic things from a man he used to call "Duke Devaney."

"I called him that because he worked his way through Alma College (in Michigan) as a bouncer in a dance hall," Duffy recalled. "He was a pretty tough boxer and a pretty tough guy. He would not compromise his principles. Bob Devaney was not wishy-washy. You could always count on him sticking to his guns. He still has the courage of his convictions."

While reminiscing about Devaney, however, Duffy cannot help recalling some philosophical humor.

"When Bob was on my staff at Michigan State, we were winning. But we weren't throwing the ball," related Duffy. "Bob liked to throw the ball. He was always on me to throw more. I always told him that throwing was nice, but it was more effective to run the ball."

In Devaney's first year as head coach at Wyoming, Duffy remembers reading the newspapers on Sunday mornings. "I'd look at the stats and see Bob's team rushing for 400 yards and completing one of three passes," he recalled.

"At that same time, we were throwing the ball 30 to 35 times a game and losing. One morning, I got a phone call from Bob. He said: 'Duffy, what the heck are you going? You sold me on running and winning. Why would you want to throw the ball and lose now?'"

Duffy had an easy answer. "We're throwing the ball," he said, "because we can't run."

Such simple, declarative logic was also Devaney's style. It characterized both men. It is the main reason why both are still in public demand. Devaney has developed a national reputation as a public speaker. Duffy still serves as a television commentator.

To this day, Devaney believes he owes a huge debt to Duffy. "I had no illusions about my chances of getting a job at the college level," Devaney said. "I was 37 years old. I had made up my mind that if a break didn't come before I was 40, I was going to go back and get my master's degree and take a boring administrative job somewhere."

Duffy was Biggie Munn's No. 1 assistant at Michigan State where he was given the green light to hire another aide. Duffy, impressed with Devaney's seven-year high school coaching performance at Alpena, Michigan, High School, asked Bob to fill the vacancy.

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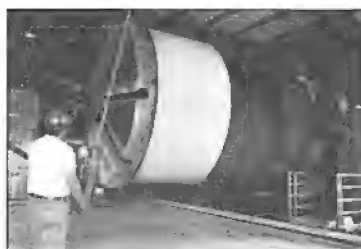
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Almost three decades later, Devaney wonders where he would be if opportunity had not knocked then. If it weren't for Duffy, he would not have wound up in Wyoming or launched his legend at Nebraska.

The Huskers suffered through eight consecutive losing seasons before Devaney arrived and pulled a 9-2 season out of the hat in 1962. Eleven years later, after hand-picking Tom Osborne as his successor, Devaney had achieved about everything imaginable. His two national championships and eight Big Eight titles pushed Nebraska into a national spotlight it still commands.

In the days following his Hall of Fame honor in New York, Devaney experienced what turned into an embarrassing avalanche of praise. Everywhere he went, he heard Husker fans thanking him for making Nebraska what it is.

"I'm pleased and I'm flattered by

that kind of praise," he said. "But this whole thing hasn't been any one-sided deal. This state, this job and these people have been good for me, too. I got more than an even break. This state owes me nothing. They've paid me more than I can ever pay them."

There is a mutual feeling between a state with a proud reputation and the coaching giant who helped it carve that reputation.

"I love Nebraska. I love Lincoln," Devaney said. "When the time comes, I'll probably be buried here. This is as good a place as any to retire."

Devaney arrived in Lincoln 19 years ago. He was 47 years old and remembers having \$5,000 to his name. "That's counting the bank and everything else," he said. "This state has done more for me than I can ever do for it."

It is a sincere observation from a man whose trip to New York reflected his enormous popularity. In a Hall of Fame banquet crowd of 1,500 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, the Nebraska party numbered 35. "That was as important to me as anything," Devaney said. "It was an effort and quite an expense for

those people at a very busy time of the year. There is no way to express my appreciation for that kind of turnout."

Among those in the crowd was Johnny Rodgers, "the greatest player I ever coached," Devaney said. Rodgers and his son flew from California to New York for the ceremonies.

Naturally, Devaney was touched by Rodgers' devotion. Nebraska's only Heisman Trophy winner in history caused a variety of flashbacks for his coach.

Devaney could picture him, setting Big Eight records for pass receptions. He could picture him, setting records for punt returns. He could picture him scoring almost every time he closed his eyes and saw "Johnny the Jet" touch the ball.

But Devaney also could picture Rodgers hugging Rex Lowe in the locker room. To the coach, it is one of those unforgettable moments, stored in his mind like a picture frozen on the cover of a magazine.

It was not one of Bob Devaney's most publicized moments at Nebraska.

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He Wanted to Work With People, But He Didn't Figure on an Army

The prospect of juggling a \$7 million budget was attractive and challenging, but Gary Fouraker had worked with fancy numbers before. "You're dealing with people in this job," he said. That was the lure.

Still, Fouraker didn't anticipate the logistical complexity of moving a small army to Miami for the Orange Bowl and back, keeping it housed, fed, entertained and contented enough to whip Clemson and make the trip worthwhile all around.

A year ago, when he was comfortably settled as director of operations analysis under the University of Nebraska's vice chancellor for business and finance, Fouraker was vaguely aware that the Athletic Department business manager was involved in bowl planning.

He realized how deeply he was involved after succeeding the retired business manager, Bill Fisher, in July. Fouraker, 35, was nearby, developing a computer program for the athletic ticket office when he learned of the opening.

"I'd been warned by Bill, but you have to experience this," said the former Falls City farm boy and Columbus high graduate. "Nobody can fully detail the problems you run into."

But Fouraker was accustomed to scrambling over obstacles. He started studying computers for two years at Southeast Community College at Milford, worked as a part-time programmer at UNL while in Business College, went back to Milford to teach computer programming while taking night classes and earned his degree in 1973.

He returned to the university as a systems analyst for the administration and has continued to work toward a master's degree.

Working with other Athletic Department officials, Fouraker was handed a \$430,000 budget out of overall official party's allotment of \$591,000 and told to keep 240 travelers happy, not to mention those at home who thought they should be going.



Gary Fouraker

Paring the list to fit into two DC 9's, and finding charter flights that could meet the schedule were accomplished. The new Holiday Inn that would serve as the Husker headquarters on Biscayne Bay was not finished when Fouraker and the advance party visited. "The schematics they gave us didn't match the situation. One room didn't even exist," he said.

There were fights over discount meal prices that were higher than those listed on the hotel menu and threats to eat out. Tours and entertainment reservations for such a large party during the height of "the season" in Miami were major headaches.

"The feeling was always there that there was something you forgot or weren't aware of. But you do the best you can and be aware that no matter what you do, the game will go on . . . as long as we have the buses there and get

the players and coaches to the stadium on time," Fouraker said.

It also was comforting to know that fellow administrators Bob Devaney, Don Bryant, George Sullivan, et al, had been through it all many times before. "I'm sure the next time around will be much easier," he said.

The bowl trip was just a tuneup for the tasks ahead for Fouraker as inter-collegiate athletics are caught in a financial squeeze. "As travel costs keep going up and inflationary items keep going up and up and up, the Athletic Department is under more pressure. We have to look at more ways to maintain the status quo, if nothing else," Fouraker said.

Part of the answer might lie in nachos with cheese sauce. The department is trying to upgrade the concessions operation. Nachos were introduced in Memorial Stadium on a trial basis for the final home game. Sales went well.

Nebraska is becoming more promotion conscious. Merchandizing of Husker paraphernalia is a possibility. Rights fees for use of the Herbie Husker character are now being charged.

The Athletic Department is going to print its own tickets for the stadium and Bob Devaney Sports Center. The operation will pay for itself in three years and save \$14,000 annually.

As costs rise, Fouraker said it is becoming more obvious that "our state as a whole doesn't have the resources like Oklahoma with its oil fields."

More vigorous promotion and fund raising is the preferred solution, he said. Football income has allowed the department to remain financially independent, and asking for taxpayer help "is a drastic step we'd rather not go to at this time," Fouraker said.

Student fees assistance is another possible answer. "We'd rather not do that, but it's something we have to consider," he said.

"Right now, we're in good shape, but if the inflationary spiral continues three years down the road we could be in trouble," he said. ●

No Time to Celebrate; Huskers Expect a Bonanza

Championships and trips to Miami enhance chances of signing top prospects from every corner of the nation.

Nebraska had just beaten Oklahoma in Norman to wrap up a first unbeaten Big Eight championship season in 10 years. Celebration time, right?

Jerry Pettibone's idea of a celebration is to take a couple of deep breaths and plunge right back in. Pettibone didn't return to Lincoln that November weekend. He stayed in Oklahoma and headed down into Texas for recruiting visits.

"You can't relax. Recruiting is always in the back of your mind," said Pettibone, Nebraska's recruiting coordinator.

Pettibone is not unique on the Cornhusker staff. After returning from Norman the rest of the coaches immediately started two weeks on intense evaluation of instate players. That evaluation resulted in 12 scholarship offers to Nebraskans.

It was no instant judgment. The recruiting cycle for the 1982 class started last March, two weeks after the national signing date. The cycle will conclude February 10 when another crop of future Cornhuskers will declare their intentions.

It should be a bonanza year, based on early signals, Pettibone said. "We're in better shape with more players at this point this year. The reception has been better out of state than before. There's more interest in us this year," he said.

Success on the field, of course, breeds recruiting success. "Quality kids want to go to the top programs, win Big Eight championships and go to the Orange Bowl," he said.

Another factor in the improved outlook is this year's debut of a Husker playback show that was televised weekly during the season into Nebraska's primary recruiting area.

"The response by high school coaches was better because they knew more about our program," Pettibone said.

The hour show was carried on cable stations in southern New Jersey, Green Bay, Wisconsin, across Iowa, Kansas City, St. Louis, Denver and Los Angeles. A cable feed from a clear-air station in Dallas-Fort Worth covered Oklahoma, eastern New Mexico, southeast Colorado, southern Kansas and parts of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Last year, only 75 prospects out of the allowable 95 made official recruiting visits to Nebraska. This year, the Huskers will fill the quota.

Most of the candidates will spend their weekend in Lincoln in January. About one-third of them will be on hand to witness the distribution of spoils during the Big Eight championship banquet. They will see Outland Trophy, All-American, All-Big Eight, Guy Chamberlin and Tom Novak Award presentations.

They will view a 25-minute season highlights tape on four big screen TVs. "We're going to do it up right," Pettibone said.

The coaches figure to sign 13 to 15 out-of-state players besides the dozen Nebraskans. "We're looking for quality, number one," Pettibone said.

Top priority positions are quarterback, since no scholarship quarterback was signed last year; running back, linebacker, a kicker-punter, tight end, center and defensive lineman.

"Recruiting," Pettibone said, "is a year-round deal." It started for the current class last March when 2,000 prospect cards were sent to high school coaches across the country. They were asked to recommend prospects.

The thousands of responses were culled to a workable mailing list of about 500 with height, weight, speed and academic qualifications after spring recruiting evaluations.

The last was whittled to about 100 during the season last fall. While the coaches were preparing for Penn State, Missouri, Oklahoma, etc., they also were splitting time with recruiting.

Every Wednesday after practice, a coach hit the road out of state. Every Thursday after practice, another one left. Every weekend, the rest of the coaches scouted Nebraska high school games.

"Frank Solich and I went out of the state four times each during the season, and everybody else was out twice," Pettibone said.

Cletus Fischer is assigned to Nebraska, Charlie McBride to Kansas and Missouri, John Melton to Iowa and Minnesota, Solich to Illinois and Wisconsin, Milt Tenopir to Colorado, Utah, Nevada, North and South Dakota, George Darlington to southern California, Gene Huey to New Jersey, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and Maryland and Pettibone to Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arizona. Head Coach Tom Osborne "is all over," Pettibone said. ●

Instate Recruits

Stan Parker, Bellevue East, TE, 6-4, 215.
Larry Station, Omaha Central, LB, 6-0, 220.
Pernell Gatson, Omaha Central, QB, 5-10, 170.
Bob Bowen, Omaha Westside, TE, 6-3, 225.
Tony Holloway, Bellevue West, LB, 6-2, 185.
Bryan Siebler, Fremont, DB, 6-0, 175.
Chad Daffer, Nebraska City, LB, 6-1, 210.
Jeff Tomjack, Ewing, DB, 6-2, 185.
Brad Johnson, Ralston, OT, 6-3, 241.
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By Al Eschbach

In every corner of the country you'll find game-breakers who are being courted by all the big name recruiters. Who's going to get the cream of the crop?

It was two years ago when college recruiters were traveling the country with a certain amount of excitement. Wherever they went, they told tales of running backs such as Walker, Bell, Rhymes and Nelson.

These stories grew and grew and you really didn't know if you could believe them. That was until a few months later when you saw Herschel Walker in a Georgia uniform, Kerwin Bell in a Kansas outfit, Buster Rhymes in the red of Oklahoma and Keven Nelson positioned as the UCLA tailback.

Two years ago it was the season of the running back. When you start to hear conversations from recruiters these days, you begin to hear stories of these legendary running backs. Yes, they are that good.

When you begin to talk about the 1982 recruiting class, you better start with Marcus DuPree — a name every college recruiter in the country knows. How good is DuPree? The best way to answer that question is to say talent scouts are saying he's the next Herschel Walker. Enough said? Not really.

DuPree is a halfback from a place called Philadelphia, Mississippi. (the town is spotlighted on every recruiter's map). He's 6-foot-3, 225 pounds, and like Walker, has sprinter speed.

"Everyone keeps telling me that if there's going to be another Herschel Walker, Marcus DuPree is it," said his high school coach, Bob Wood. "He can be as good as he wants to be. He can run over people, he can run away from them or he can just juke them. He's an unbelievable talent."

DuPree, who scored 87 career touchdowns, is having a hard time deciding which six schools he's going to visit. The early word was that Alabama,

Oklahoma and Texas were the leaders. Then the rumor flowed that USC had replaced Alabama in the top three. Don't count the Crimson Tide out and don't count out Mississippi State. DuPree ran the wishbone the first couple of years in high school and then switched to the I. Whatever the formation, he's going to be a great college back.

The state of Oklahoma has had a lot of highly publicized backs in recent years. Somehow, they just fade away. In fact, the last halfback from the state of Oklahoma to start at OU was Grant Burget in the early 70's. Where have you gone Rodney Tate, Larry Briggs and Bruce Compton?

Recruiters swear that Spencer Tillman of Tulsa Edison will be remembered. People will not be asking in a few years, "Whatever happened to . . ."

When you talk of the premier backs in the nation, Tillman has to be in the top five. He's that good. He rushed for over 1,400 yards as a senior in only 10 games.

"He's in a class by himself," said OU assistant coach Merv Johnson, who has the difficult task of recruiting him. "He has great moves, good speed and the instincts which will make him a great college runner."

The Sooners could have the worst recruiting nightmare in a long time. Tillman has told several members of the media, "Right now Nebraska is my top choice." Don't rule out Texas or USC.

"Spencer Tillman is one of the great backs in the country," said Nebraska recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone. "We've seen a lot of them this year. It's difficult to find a better one."

The back everyone in the East is raving about is Matt Stennett of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Before the year began Stennett was ranked as the best in the

East. He definitely didn't disappoint anyone. He rushed for over 1,300 yards and is being recruited by all the majors. This 6-foot, 180-pounder has 4.5 speed in the 40. Oklahoma is trying to pull a coup. The Sooners are recruiting Stennett as a quarterback. "He's the best wishbone quarterback prospect in the nation," said Oklahoma recruiting coordinator Scott Hill. "He could be a great one at OU."

"He's a super," said Notre Dame recruiting chief Brian Boulac.

The Sooners are getting plenty of competition from Notre Dame and Pittsburgh, who list him as their No. 1 running back recruit.

The player who got a lot of preseason raves was Kevin Willhite (6-0, 190, 4.5) of Sacramento Rancho Cordova, California. The most impressive thing about Willhite is his speed. He had the fastest time in California in the 200 meters as a junior. His stock has dropped among some recruiters, however.

"There are others in the country who are better," says Pettibone. "Keven Willhite is a speed back." He should take his speed to either UCLA or Arizona State.

If you head South, you hear a lot of good things about such backs as George Smith (6-3, 237, 4.7) of Douglas Coffee, Georgia, Gary James (6-1, 200, 4.5) of New Orleans, Raymond Tate (6-2, 215, 4.5) of Minden, La. and Al Evans (6-0, 195, 4.5) of Enterprise, Alabama.

Smith, who would like to be a wishbone fullback, rushed for over 1,000 yards as a senior. "He could also be a great linebacker or defensive end," said Scott Hill. Smith has taken official visits to Alabama, Auburn and Oklahoma. He has unofficially stopped off at Florida State and Georgia.

James is the best in New Orleans. "Everybody is recruiting him," says Pettibone. As a senior James rushed for over 2,200 yards. He's thinking about LSU, Alabama, Notre Dame, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Tate is a big strong back, who also has a lot of speed. He had impressive stats as he carried for over 1,500 yards. He's trying to make a decision from the likes of LSU, Baylor, SMU and Nebraska.

Evans is the top back in Alabama. He gained 964 yards in just nine games. Bear Bryant isn't about to let him get out of the state, but Georgia, Southern Cal, Nebraska and Oklahoma are telling him it would be healthy if he went away to college.

Texas has produced the likes of Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Billy Sims during the '70's. There's not a back as good as they were, or as good as more recent products Eric Dickerson or Curtis Dickey, according to Southwest Conference talent scouts.

But don't rule out that some day you'll be hearing the name Anthony Byerly. This 6-foot, 195-pounder ran for 3,074 yards as a senior. He missed Sims' state mark by six yards. He finished his career with 6,598 yards rushing.

All the Southwest Conference schools are trying to get in on this gem, along with LSU, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Two names you might not have heard a lot during the preseason were Tim Smith of Hobbs, N.M. and Stan Gill of Flagstaff, Arizona. The 6-foot, 185-pound Smith, who has run a 9.6 100, gained over 1,800 yards. The winner of this chase could be either Arizona State, Texas Tech or Oklahoma. And the 5-11, 195-pound Gill, who was the Class AA player of the year in Arizona, rushed for 2,200 yards.

Finding a bunch of great linemen around the country is not an easy task. They are not as plentiful as the running backs. The best? "James Lee of Fort Worth Dunbar has to be rated up near the top," said Notre Dame's Brian Boulac. "He's an awesome specimen."

Indeed he is. Lee is a 6-3½, 235-pound defensive end. His size isn't what gets you — his speed is. He consistently runs a 4.5 40 and has been clocked in 4.4. He anchored his 440-yard relay team a year ago which was the best in Texas. He will flee from the Southwest Conference.

The best of the big linemen? It's no contest, Gerald Browner of Georgia is in a class by himself. Browner has quite the blood line with a couple of brothers who played at Notre Dame and a couple of more who are at USC. This version is 6-4, 300 and still runs a 4.9 40.

"I think Gerald Browner had somewhat of a disappointing senior year," said one recruiter. "I think his weight was too high. He'll be a great college player, though."

California has a couple of good-looking line prizes in Ron Brown (6-4, 225, 4.7) of Amat, and Bruce Parks (6-5, 250, 5.1) of Ontario. Brown could probably play the position in college he wants to. He's that good an athlete. Parks is considered one of the best offensive line prospects in the nation.

Nebraska thinks two of the best linemen in the midwest are Gerald Nichols (6-3, 235) of St. Louis and Eric Coyle (6-2, 240) of Longmont, Colorado. Most of the Big Eight schools are after this pair.

As usual there's no shortage of line talent in Texas. The players drawing the biggest crowds are T. J. Turner (6-4, 240, 4.9) of Lufkin, James McKinney (6-4, 240, 4.8) of Austin LBJ and Craig Kennington (6-5, 225, 4.7) of Dallas Highland Park. McKinney could be a linebacker in college; he's that kind of athlete. Another standout is Kip Cooper (6-3, 220, 4.8) of Port Arthur Jefferson. He'll be heading to Texas.

Names that are being tossed around as top linemen in the South are David "Hoss" Johnson (6-6, 277, 5.0) of Huntsville, Alabama, Derek Wimberley (6-5, 230, 4.8) of Miami American, Florida and Dennis Barron (6-3, 225, 4.8) of Wilson, N.C. Johnson is the best in Alabama and the Crimson Tide should keep him around. Oklahoma thinks Wimberley is one of the best in the nation and they're in the thick of the race, along with Florida schools.

There are a lot of quarterbacks who should be able to step into major college programs and play right away. One of these is Tony Robinson (6-4, 180, 4.7) of Tallahassee Leon, Florida. He has a rifle as an arm and finished his career by throwing for over 5,000 yards.

"Many consider him the best throwing quarterback in the country," said Scott Hill.

In the same class is Dale Sveum (6-3, 180, 4.9) of Pinola Valley, California. "He has all of the tools to be a super,"

said USC assistant Artie Gigantino. "He's a very gifted athlete who shows a lot of poise. He can run or pass."

Also considered one of the best in the country is Tom Muecke (6-1, 185, 4.6) of Angleton, Tex. "He's as good as there is," said one coach. "He has such a natural presence. He has a good, quick delivery and he's quick. His delivery is natural, and it's as good as I've seen." Muecke passed for 1,514 yards as a senior and rushed for 710 more.

As for option quarterbacks, the name Lou Brock Jr. of St. Louis should be remembered. Brock is the son of former Cardinal great Lou Brock. Just like his dad this 5-11, 180-pounder can fly and he throws the ball well. Schools like Missouri, Oklahoma and Alabama are very much in this battle.

Recruiters are happily saying there is an abundance of linebackers around that will fill a lot of needs. They're scattered all over the country. Last year two of the best were Californians Jack Del Rio and Neil Hope. Both signed with USC. Del Rio was a starter and a freshman All-American. Once again there are some great prospects in this state.

Everyone is looking at Rick DiBernardo (6-3, 215, 4.7) of Huntington Beach Edison and Kennedy Pola (6-2, 215, 4.65) of Santa Ana Mater. Nebraska is trying to stay in the race with DiBernardo with UCLA and Notre Dame. Oklahoma is battling USC, UCLA and Notre Dame for Pola. Not only is Pola a fine linebacker, he was quite a fullback as he rushed for over 1,000.

Another California standout is Jay Lynch of Oakland Skyline. Lynch is 6-3, 210 and runs a 4.6 40. He's regarded as the top linebacker in Northern California, but may have to go to a junior college to work on his grades.

One who has drawn a crowd in the midwest is Darnell Williams of Kansas City Sumner. "I've been around a couple of All-Americans and All-Big Eight players and Darnell is the same caliber," said high school coach Richard Gleichman.

"He will be one of the most highly recruited linebackers in the midwest," said Jerry Pettibone of the 6-3, 210-pounder with 4.6 speed in the 40.

There are two standouts in Texas who have been keeping recruiters busy

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— Ty Allert of Houston (6-3, 220, 4.8) and Gerald Taylor (6-3, 230, 4.8) of Dallas South Oak Cliff.

"Both are strong and are good athletes. They are players who can run," said OU's Scott Hill. Oklahoma is trying to talk Allert out of heading to Texas. The Longhorns are a big leader.

A linebacker you'll be hearing from in college is Arnold Franklin (6-3, 215, 4.6) of Cincinnati Princeton. He could also be a standout tight end, but recruiters think he could be dynamite linebacker.

"He's a fine athlete who has a habit of making a lot of things happen," said Notre Dame's Brian Boulac.

The East Coast schools have been raving about Carl Carr (6-4, 215) of Alexandria, Virginia.

"I mean he can be a great one. I've watched him and he's all over the field," said Hill. "He does a great job chasing the ball and he's some kind of hitter. I think he has a shot of being an All-American in college."

There are a lot of excellent defensive backs in the land. Who is the best? Well, you're going to get a lot of varied opinions from different recruiters.

There's a couple in Atlantic Coast Conference territory that ooze with ability. One is Steve Smith (6-1, 205, 4.5) of Hyattsville, Md., and the other is Tony Slaton (6-1, 185, 4.5) of Decatur, Ga. Many schools think Smith will make his mark as a running back, but others say he could be a super safety.

Gaining a lot of support for the top defensive back in the nation is Egypt Allen of Dallas South Oak Cliff. Allen does it all. "Everyone and his brother are after him," said one college coach. "He's got to be one of the top players in the state. I'm not sure that he wouldn't be a great running back. He has that 4.5 speed and no one is going to catch him from behind."

However, there are a couple of recruiters who say Allen isn't even the top defensive back in Texas. The one they like is Darrell Reese (6-1, 190, 4.6) of Garland.

"He's a super," said Jerry Pettibone. "He's such a great athlete that he could play a lot of different positions in college. He's a very fluid performer. He

played quarterback in high school and excelled there. I think he has unlimited potential as a defensive back in college."

The recruiting chase has ended for Reese. The winner? Ron Meyer at SMU.

Another of those players who could perform at different positions is John Koontz, (6-1, 185, 4.5) of Petersburg, W. Va. He didn't draw a lot of attention. But once the season got rolling all the bigs around the country were sending inquiries to Petersburg to get film of this performer who they heard was reaching legendary status. Koontz rushed for over 2,000 yards and averaged over eight yards per carry.

Recruiters look at him at different positions. He could be a split end, a defensive back or could stick at running back.

California always has top defensive back candidates. So it's no surprise when you talk about Edward Allen (6-2, 180, 4.6) of Los Angeles Verbum Dei. Allen is a heady player who seemingly always came up with the big play during

his career.

David Price (6-2, 185, 4.6) of Long Beach Poly is another of those California gems who could make it big in the college ranks.

And in Oklahoma, Charles Crawford (6-2, 205, 4.5) of Bristow, has been termed by many as the best athlete in the state. Crawford had a great year as a running back, but many recruiters think he could make it to the NFL some day as a defensive back. He runs well and likes to hit.

Receivers who have gotten a lot of attention are Milt Jackson (6-0, 175, 4.6) of Fairfield, Ia., Richard Estell (6-3, 186, 4.6) of Kansas City Harmon, Glen Dennard (6-0, 170, 4.6) of Tempe, Arizona and Jeff Fields (6-3, 185, 4.5) of Houston, Texas, Yates.

As for a tight end? Scott Stephens (6-2, 210, 4.7) of Los Angeles Manual Arts has the makings of a future star.

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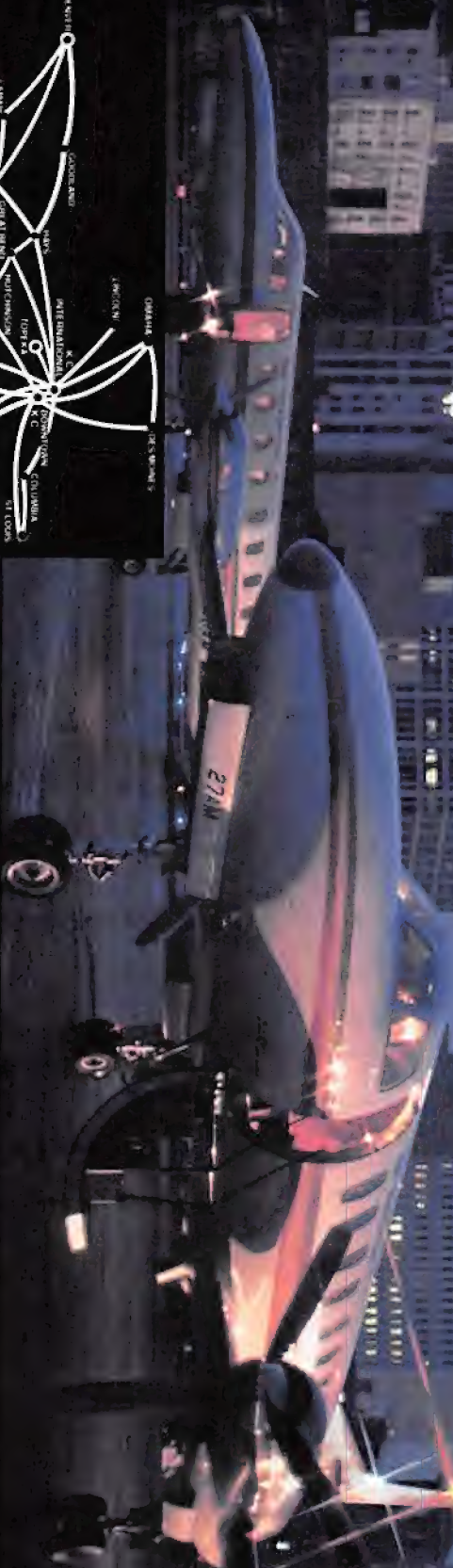
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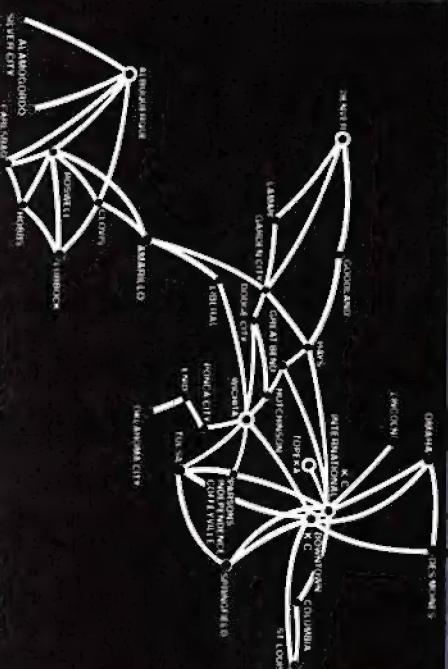
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McClanen's Determination Gave Birth To FCA

This young coach from Oklahoma turned a personal dream into a national movement that has touched — and dramatically changed — the lives of thousands of athletes.

The white Pontiac droned along the highway in the direction of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and toward a man named William Doenges, who owned a Ford automobile agency in that town. The year was 1954.

Behind the wheel, sometimes concentrating on the road but more often focusing his mind on the mission of the long drive, was Don McClanen, 29 year-old basketball coach, athletic director, and general helpmate for all athletic programs at the small college called Eastern Oklahoma A & M.

Beside him was his wife, Gloria, silently turning over in her mind the reason for the trip and the deep tie to her husband that bound her almost inexplicably to the journey and its uncertain ending.

In the back seat were their two children, Michael, 5, and Judy, 4, for the most part unaware, as children are, of anything save the seldom-changing scene of the Oklahoma flatland.

Don glanced up from the road ahead to the rear-view mirror. Behind him stretched mile after mile of roadway leading back to Wilburton, Oklahoma, where he and Gloria had a modest home on the campus, and where he had a coaching career that was beginning to blossom. Behind him also lay 7 years of nurturing a dream.

His handsome face, for most of the drive serious, broke into a gentle, thoughtful smile as he remembered the mileposts in his life and in Gloria's since the loss of their first child, since he had given his life and his endeavors into the hands of the Lord.

His eyes returned to the road, and, as he had done since a day alone in a church in Oklahoma City when he had surrendered his will to God, Don McClanen looked ahead with quiet confidence. He was not far away from Bartlesville and a man who was to help him change untold thousands of lives.

The previous 7 years had tested Don and Gloria McClanen.

He had become, during those 7 years, closely and yet sometimes only vaguely aware that God was leading him. He was comforted in that knowledge. But the two McClanens had paid a price for that comfort.

Don left the submarine service after World War II, married Gloria, his high-school sweetheart, and moved from his native Pennsylvania to Stillwater, where he had enrolled under the GI bill at Oklahoma A & M College,

now Oklahoma State University. He wanted to play football, but it didn't take much time to learn that he wasn't good enough for A & M's brand of play. He was cut from the squad.

He became impressed with Hank Iba, then head basketball coach of the 1945 and 1946 national-champion A & M basketball team and also A & M's athletic director. Don became manager of the varsity basketball team and decided to become a coach.

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But Don McClanen, dedicated to a coaching career wasn't much aware of the national athletic scene in the year 1947.

It was the year that Joe Fulks led Philadelphia to the NBA championship with 1,389 points, an average of 23.2 a game.

That year, Jet Pilot won the Kentucky Derby, Phalanx the Belmont Stakes, and Faultless the Preakness, splitting the Triple Crown three ways. The Chicago Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Eagles, 28-21, for the NFL championship.

More enduring achievements in the world of athletics had begun that year in a hospital room near the Stillwater campus, however. Gloria McClanen rested in bed. Her husband sat beside her. And Larry Shonfelt, the associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in

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Thousands of athletes share the winning spirit

Sharing the Victory

The 25-Year History of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes
by Joseph Dunn

foreword by Tom Landry

(Coach of the Dallas Cowboys)

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Stillwater and pastor of the Westminster Foundation at the college, was also in the room.

At the foot of Gloria's bed was a small casket that held the couple's 2-day-old son. Grief had been dulled by a deep love and a faith, still unrefined, in Don McClanen. As the three shared the quiet of the room, he softly offered a brief prayer. "Thy will be done." Larry Shonfelt was moved and he fixed his eyes and mind on the quiet unassuming young man whose young faith was being tested.

Don McClanen that day began to think deeply and seriously about his beliefs. And he was still thinking of his relationship to God 3 months later when Reverend Shonfelt asked him to prepare a 3-minute talk, as part of a panel discussion during a Sunday night service in the First Presbyterian Church, entitled "Making my Vocation Christian."

The sophomore student who had seen service aboard a submarine and who was now planning to coach young men confronted a real challenge. He began to analyze how a coach could use his talents to encourage, in himself and in those he touched, a life for Christ. When he entered the room in church that night with several other students, he had the germ of an idea. He knew that young people, particularly those in junior high and high school, looked up to recognized athletes on the college level, and that the college athletes looked with respect to the men in the professional ranks. Somehow, he thought, there must be a way to turn that sense of awe and hero-worship into a positive force for the church and for Christ.

As he gave his 3-minute talk on the panel with a home economics student, an architectural student, and an engineering student, he wasn't sure how his idea might be put into practice. And he wasn't really conscious that God was beginning to lead him along a path that would deepen his faith and make him an instrument for good in the lives of young men and young women throughout the country. Don McClanen, however, had the embryo of an idea, clothed in a question: How do you relate Christ to the athletic world and how do you relate the athletic world to Christ?

Shortly after his talk, he began a practice that, strangely, had no immediate value for him: As he would thumb through magazines and newspapers at home and in his small office, he would clip out the occasional article about a well-known athlete who was speaking in terms of his own commitment to Christ.

One such clipping came from *Life* magazine. It was a picture of a man named Dr. Louis H. Evans, Sr. The caption identified Evans as a former great athlete and one of the 10 outstanding clergymen in the country. The words under the picture of the imposing man told how Dr. Evans made use of athletic jargon in his sermons and some of his prayers. Another that caught Don's eye was a story on Otto Graham, then quarterback for the Cleveland Browns, which appeared in a small magazine

called *Guideposts*, an inspirational monthly for all faiths. And there was one on Branch Rickey, then general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The top drawer in Don's bureau in their bedroom became the repository for the occasional clippings he found. Cutting them out and saving them became a ritual with some vague purpose unstated, much like the housewife carefully tucking away coupons and trading stamps for an undefined article sometime in the future.

Several months after his 3-minute talk, Don McClanen found himself shifted from the roles of a panel speaker and magazine and newspaper reader to the role of a listener.

The words came from H. Clay Fiske, who had journeyed from his work in the Tulsa school system to Oklahoma City to speak at a conference on physical education. Don was perhaps the most attentive member of the audience. As he listened closely to the older man discuss the worth and inspiration that could come from a coaching career, he felt himself moved and caught up in Fiske's message. There was no mention of religion in the address, but the impact of the speaker's words directed the young coaching student onto the streets of Oklahoma City at noontime along a path alone and away from other conference participants who headed for lunch in small knots of newfound acquaintances.

He walked into the first church that he came to, a Roman Catholic Church, and there, in the back pew, in the serenity that comes often with stillness and solitude, Don McClanen knelt down and surrendered his will to the Lord.

He rose slowly and, with an increased sense of purpose, soon retraced his steps to the conference. He felt no welling of emotion, no sudden glow of rightness in his life, but rather the birth of his understanding that God had taken hold of his life and would, in His own way, direct him.

What he did feel, with a little less vagueness now, was that he might find an answer to his question, the question that had been raised when he prepared for a 3-minute talk: "How to enlist a group of Christians who happened to be athletes and how to have them share God's victory by touching the lives of coaches and athletes of all ages and by strengthening the church."

Don McClanen's question remained with him. The answer, if there was one, was slow in coming. But the timing was perhaps fortuitous. Don was now heavily involved in classwork and preparation for a coaching career.

Larry Shonfelt had received a call and had left the A & M campus for another church. In his place, both as a pastor and a friend to Don, was Bob Geller.

During the rest of his undergraduate schooling and through his year working for his Master's degree, Don would drop by the Gellers' and talk with Bob about his idea. The response was always encouraging, but neither man knew exactly how to proceed. Yet the topic of coaches' and athletes' impacts on a Christian life was never far from mind when the two got together or when they and their wives shared an evening.

Don was slowly becoming aware that he thought more and more often about the beauty that existed in

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A Season to Remember

The race to the Big Eight championship started with two backward steps in the first three games before the Huskers hit their stride and sprinted to the wire.



The Black Shirt Defense converges on OU's Darrel Shepard.

Tom Osborne, Nebraska's one-game-at-a-time, Kansas State-is-just-as-important-as-Oklahoma coach, got a shoulder ride to midfield from the boldest of his players on that glorious November afternoon in Norman, Oklahoma, when the Cornhuskers emphatically threw off the Sooner shackles.

Osborne said he couldn't remember receiving such treatment before, but, then, his teams had never whisked unbeaten through the Big Eight Conference, and no team had ever locked up the championship with a week to play.

Osborne also got dunked in the shower, which had happened a time or two, but he was semi-embarrassed by all the personal attention. He encouraged his players to celebrate among

"The reason that this was my best team was that it was a very, very solid football team."

themselves and "only got about half wet," he said.

The perfect sprint through the Big Eight was Osborne's crowning achievement in nine tries. The 37-14 blowout in the finale was only his second upper hand over Nebraska's primary nemesis. There would be no rematch in the Orange Bowl. Finally. Completely. Unquestionably. Champions.

A warm inner glow would carry

Nebraskaland through the long, chilly months until spring practice.

Even Osborne, ever reticent, admitted that he "felt good about it," but he remained impervious to the unrestrained joy around him. Let the players carry on. They had earned it.

"I don't want to minimize it. Everybody was elated," Coach Tom said. "But for me, it was about like Missouri. I thought the Iowa State game was just as important."

If Oklahoma was an Achilles heel to Nebraskans, Osborne claimed immunity.

"Maybe to protect my sanity I haven't accepted the fanaticism over that game. I never thought we couldn't beat them. There was no jinx or magical spell. I guess I've never taken the

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Steve McWhirter (45) and Tom Godowski (93) put the crunch on Iowa's Pete Gales.

Hawkeyes Gain Sweet Revenge

Iowa City, Iowa — What was to become a Big Eight championship season started slowly for Nebraska as the Cornhuskers fell to Iowa, 10-7, in their opener before a Kinnick Stadium record 60,160 fans.

Nebraska fell behind 10-0 in the first half and didn't score until early in the fourth quarter when I-back Roger Craig, who carried 19 times for 74 yards, crashed into the end zone from a yard away to cap a nine-play, 33-yard drive which began with a Rodney Lewis fumble recovery.

"I think we got a little stronger as the game went along, but I felt we weren't even in the game in the first half," said NU head coach Tom Osborne. "By the end of the third quarter we had settled down and weren't doing so many crazy things."

Nebraska's only significant scoring threat of the first half ended when Kevin Seibel missed on a 47-yard field goal attempt.

During the week leading up to the game, Osborne warned Cornhusker fans that Iowa was a much-improved team over the one Nebraska had

defeated so convincingly (57-0) the previous year in Lincoln.

Iowa managed only 202 yards of offense against the Nebraska defense.

Evans was Nebraska's leading tackler against Iowa, finishing with 15. Tackle Henry Waechter, an Iowan playing against his home state university, was credited with 11 tackles.

Nebraska's offense continually stopped itself with turnovers.

The Cornhuskers lost three of five fumbles and had two passes intercepted. "We had some chances in the second half, but we were never able to take advantage of them. Instead, we kept making mistakes right up to the end," Osborne said.

A partially-blocked punt led to Iowa's first touchdown. The Hawkeyes sent a 10-man rush at Nebraska's Grant Campbell to gain possession at the NU 44-yard line. Seven plays later, Eddie Phillips scored from two yards out.

Lon Olenjiczak kicked what became the game-winning field goal just five seconds into quarter No. 2 when Nebraska's defense buckled down and stopped an eight-play Iowa drive at the

NU 18-yard line.

"It's got to get better," Osborne said of his team's play. "Our main opponent right now is ourselves. We have to start doing a better job ourselves before we worry about anyone else. All we can do is come back and try to play the best we can."

"This was one of the hardest losses for us since I've been here," he said. ●

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IU Hawkeyes	7 3 0 0 — 10
IU — Phillips 2 run (Olenjiczak kick)	
IU — FG Olenjiczak 35	
NU — Craig 1 run (Seibel kick)	

TEAM STATS		OPP
NU		IU
13	First Downs	11
150	Yards Rushing	174
81	Yards Passing	28
231	Total Offense	202

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING	
Craig 19 carries, 74 yards, 1 TD, Rozier 10 for 41, 3 TD	
Bates 9 for 36, 0 TD	

INDIVIDUAL PASSING	
Mauer 6 completions in 12 attempts, 60 yards, 1 int., 0 TD	

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING	
Williams 3 catches for 31 yards, 0 TD, Craig 3 for 17, 0 TD	



When there wasn't a hole, Roger Craig (21) found another way to get through the line.

Seminoles Done In By Big Play

Lincoln — Nebraska scored two touchdowns in a six-second span of the third quarter and handed unbeaten Florida State a resounding 34-14 loss much to the delight of 76,289 fans in Memorial Stadium.

The NCAA record 113th straight sellout crowd was bathed in sunshine and 80-degree temperatures as it watched the first of four consecutive NU home games.

The Cornhuskers led 10-7 when sophomore wingback Irving Fryar fielded a 63-yard punt by Florida State's Rohn Stark, started to his right, then cut back across the field, away from his blocking, and ran 82 yards for the touchdown.

Six seconds later, on Nebraska's kickoff, Cornhusker freshman Mike Knox hit Florida State kick returner Greg Allen and the ball popped into the hands of NU defensive end Tony Felici, who raced 13 yards for the second touchdown.

"We felt we were at a crossroads after what happened against Iowa," Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne said. "We came out and played ag-

gressive football, which we didn't do last week."

Linebackers Steve Damkroger and Brent Evans were credited with 13 tackles each and led a Black Shirt defense which limited Florida State to 54 yards rushing in 41 attempts.

While the defense frustrated the Seminoles, the Cornhusker offense rolled to 496 total yards, of which 464 came on the ground. Junior Nate Mason made his first varsity collegiate start, rushing for 71 yards and scoring Nebraska's first touchdown on an eight-yard run midway through the first quarter.

I-back Roger Craig was the Cornhuskers' No. 1 offensive weapon, however. The junior from Davenport, Iowa, carried 20 times for 234 yards, the third best single-game total in school history by a Nebraska back. Richard Berns established the record in 1978, gaining 255 yards against Missouri. Isaiah Hipp rushed for 254 yards against Indiana in 1977.

Craig tied Craig Johnson's school record for the longest touchdown run from scrimmage when he raced 94 yards

up the middle to cap Nebraska's scoring with 8:08 left in the game. "Roger ran about as well as any back we've ever had run here," said Osborne.

Said Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden, whose team came to Lincoln at 2-0, "We were afraid of Nebraska popping the big one on us." ●

NEBRASKA 34, FLORIDA STATE 14

FSU Seminoles.....	0	7	0	7	14
NU Cornhuskers.....	10	0	14	10	34
NU — Mason 8 run (Seibel kick)					
NU — Field Goal, Seibel 24 yards					
FSU — Williams 1 run (Rendina kick)					
NU — Fryar 82 punt return (Seibel kick)					
NU — Felici 13 fumble return (Seibel kick)					
NU — Field Goal, Neil 21					
FSU — McKinnon 3 pass from Stockstill (Rendina kick)					
NU — Craig 94 yards (Seibel kick)					

TEAM STATS

OPP		NU
15	First Downs	22
54	Yards Rushing	464
173	Yards Passing	32
227	Total Offense	496

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Mason 14 carries, 71 yards, 14 long, 1 TD; Craig 20 for 234, 94, 1; Rozier 11 for 72, 23, 0; Bates 7 for 58, 27, 0.

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Mason 7 completions, 7 attempts for 16 yards, 1 int., 0 TD; Gill 1 for 16, 1, 0 int., 0.

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

J. Williams 3 catches for 32 yards, 0 TD.

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DAVE RIMINGTON

1981 Outland Trophy Winner







Jimmy Williams knocks the ball loose from a Penn State runner.

Lions' Kicking Game Prevails

Lincoln — Even with the nation's best offensive line and an All-American candidate at halfback, third-ranked Penn State needed a school record five field goals from Brian Franco to defeat 12th-ranked Nebraska before 76,308 fans on a warm and windy afternoon in Memorial Stadium.

Junior Curt Warner, the halfback, carried 28 times against Nebraska's punishing Black Shirt defense and gained a career-high 238 yards, just 12 shy of a Penn State school record set in 1912.

Franco didn't miss in five attempts, from 29, 48, 39, 20 and 32 yards, the last coming with 4:54 remaining in the game. His perfect performance broke the Nittany Lions' single-game record of four, shared by brothers Mat and Chris Bahr.

Nebraska fought hard against a Penn State team which had a one-week layoff to get ready for the Cornhuskers after opening two weeks earlier with a 52-0 victory over out-manned Cincinnati.

Despite the efforts of Franco and Warner, Nebraska held a 24-20 lead going into the final quarter.

Senior quarterback Mark Mauer came off the bench in relief of starter Nate Mason and threw two third-quarter touchdown passes to give the Cornhuskers the four-point advantage. The first went nine yards to tight end Jamie Williams; the second, with 2:39 left in the quarter, covered 16 yards to split end Scott Woodard.

Nebraska's other points were scored by I-back Roger Craig, on a two-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter; Eddie Neil, on a 30-yard field goal with 1:25 left in the first half; and Kevin Seibel, who kicked three extra points.

Craig was NU's leading rusher, gaining 121 yards on 24 carries.

The Nebraska defense was led by linebacker Brent Evans, end Tony Felici, and safety Jeff Krejci, who were credited with 14, 13, and 12 tackles, respectively. None of NU's top three defensive tackles — seniors Henry Waechter and Dave Stromath and junior Toby Williams — were able to perform at more than 75 to 80 percent effectiveness.

The loss left Nebraska with a 1-2

record, the school's worst start in 20 years. "I'm embarrassed to be 1-2, but we haven't played a soft team yet," NU head coach Tom Osborne said.

"We've got to come back. It's just a matter of pulling us together. If you're good enough, you'll come back." ●

PENN STATE 30, NEBRASKA 24			
PSU Nittany Lions	3	14	3 10-30
NU Cornhuskers	0	10	2 7-24
PSU — Field Goal: Franco 29 yards.			
NU — Craig 2 run (Seibel kick).			
PSU — Field Goal: Franco 48 yards.			
PSU — Field Goal: Franco 39 yards.			
NU — Field Goal: Neil 30 yards.			
PSU — Jackson 33 pass from Blackledge.			
(Cole pass from Blackledge).			
NU — Williams 9 pass from Mauer (Seibel kick).			
PSU — Field Goal: Franco 20 yards.			
NU — Woodard 16 pass from Mauer (Seibel kick).			
PSU — Cole 2 run (Franco kick).			
PSU — Field Goal: Franco 32 yards.			

TEAM STATS		NU
OPP		
18	First Downs	18
327	Yards Rushing	255
87	Yards Passing	142
414	Total Offense	397

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING
Mason 5 carries for 18 yards. Craig 24 for 121. Ruzick 5 for 23. Mauer 4 for 29.

INDIVIDUAL PASSING
Mason 1 completion, 1 attempt for 55 yards. 0 int. Mauer 8 for 21. 3 int.

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING
J. Williams, 2 catches for 64 yards. Woodard 3 for 49. Craig 2 for 4.



Turner Gill (12) gets loose on a keeper around his left end.

Gill Fuels Rally In The Rain

Lincoln — Nebraska's Black Shirt defense was as omnipresent as the rain and gray skies over Memorial Stadium when the Cornhuskers concluded a split of their four rugged non-conference games by defeating Auburn 17-3.

Despite intermittent showers, a record non-conference crowd of 76,423 showed up to watch Nebraska begin what would become a nine-game winning streak to conclude the regular season. "I was very pleased with the way our defense came along. They really held in there," said Cornhusker head coach Tom Osborne.

Nebraska's defense caused and recovered two fumbles. Williams forced the one he recovered, giving Nebraska the ball at the Auburn four-yard line, midway through the third quarter. Two plays later I-back Roger Craig, the game's leading rusher with 87 yards in 22 carries, scored on a three-yard run.

Combined with Kevin Seibel's 39-yard field goal only 45 seconds earlier and his extra-point kick, Nebraska took its first lead of the game, at 10-3, with 8:25 left in the period.

Krejci's fumble recovery came late in the fourth quarter and gave Nebraska the ball at the Auburn nine-yard line. Sophomore quarterback Turner Gill was his No. 1 back-up when it was learned earlier in the week that junior Nate Mason would be lost for the season after undergoing surgery to remove calcium build-up in his right ankle.

In all, the Cornhuskers recovered five fumbles and intercepted two passes against Auburn. "We played real hard on defense," Osborne said.

With end Jimmy Williams and middle guard Jeff Merrell each making 12 tackles, the Cornhuskers snapped Auburn's wishbone offense and limited the Tigers to 55 yards rushing in 52 attempts.

"We sent our (defensive) ends after the quarterback and fullback and Jimmy Williams and Tony Felici both had great days. Our linebackers didn't get to do much tackling because everything was getting handled up front," said Osborne.

Auburn rarely had good field posi-

tion, either, since NU punter Grant Campbell averaged 50.2 yards per punt on his five punts.

While Nebraska concluded one of the nation's toughest non-conference schedules, pre-season favorite and defending champion Oklahoma opened its Big Eight Conference season game in Norman, Oklahoma, by playing to a 7-7 tie with Iowa State. ●

NEBRASKA 17, AUBURN 3

AU Tigers.....	3	0	0	0	— 3
NU Cornhuskers.....	0	0	10	7	— 17
AU — Field Goal, Del Greco 52 yards					
NU — Field Goal, Seibel 39 yards					
NU — Craig 3 run (Seibel kick)					
NU — Gill 8 run (Seibel kick)					

TEAM STATS

OPP		NU
12	First downs	16
55	Yards Rushing	257
95	Yards Passing	50
150	Total Offense	307

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Craig 22 carries for 87 yards, 1 TD, 8 yard long play; Bates 12 for 68, 0, 16; Rozier 15 for 76, 0, 16; Gill 8 for 20, 1, 8

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Mauer 5 completions, 9 attempts for 41 yards, 1 int., 18 yard long play; Gill 1, 6 for 9, 1, 9.

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

J. Williams 3 catches for 26 yards; Brown, 2 for 19



(75) Henry Waechter and (74) Jeff Merrell lead the Husker defense which shut out the Buffaloes, 59-0.

Bufs Find It's Same Old NU

Lincoln — Nebraska's debut in Big Eight Conference play was marked by the varsity starting debuts of sophomore quarterback Turner Gill and sophomore I-back Mike Rozier, a junior college transfer.

The result was a 59-0 victory over Colorado, which pleased most of the 76,168 fans in Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska's offense overwhelmed the Buffaloes, rolling up 719 total yards and establishing an NCAA record for first downs, with 42.

Gill made the most of his starting opportunity by completing nine of 14 passes for 178 yards and four touchdowns, the latter total tying an NU school record shared by Vince Ferragamo and David Humm.

Three of Gill's touchdown passes, covering 15, nine, and 45 yards, came in the first half as Nebraska built up an insurmountable, 38-0 advantage by the intermission.

Rozier scored two touchdowns and rushed for 95 yards, one less than Roger Craig, the I-back with whom he alternated.

Each carried only 11 times.

The two already had combined to rush for 922 yards, averaging over six yards per carry. "It's great to have those players," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said.

"You really need two I-backs when you play in the Big Eight."

Split end Todd Brown, whose two pass receptions were good for 83 yards, and fullback Phil Bates also each scored two touchdowns.

"In the fourth quarter I was trying to do anything that wouldn't score," said Osborne. "We were going to execute our offense, but it was hard to call a play that wouldn't gain five yards." Fourteen Cornhuskers carried the ball and all but two had at least one carry which gained eight yards or more.

As a team, Nebraska averaged eight yards per play for the game.

While the NU offense moved at will against Colorado, the Black Shirt defense throttled the Buffaloes, limiting them to 146 yards of total offense and forcing them to punt eight times.

Said Colorado head coach Chuck Fairbanks, after watching his team drop its fourth game in a row after a season-

opening victory over Texas Tech: "Nebraska dominated the game in every area of play. They're a fine football team."

"They just had more football team than we could handle by any stretch of the imagination." ●

NEBRASKA 59, COLORADO 0					
CU Buffaloes	0	0	0	0	0-0
NU Cornhuskers	14	24	21	0	59
NU — Rozier 3 run (Seibel kick)					
NU — Steels 15 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
NU — Rozier 5 run (Seibel kick)					
NU — Bates 9 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
NU — Brown 45 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
NU — Field Goal, Seibel 37 yards					
NU — Brown 38 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
NU — Bates 9 run (Seibel kick)					
NU — Moravec 11 run (Hagerman kick)					

TEAM STATS			NU
OPP	9	First Downs	42
107	Yards Rushing		541
39	Yards Passing		178
146	Total Offense		719

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING	
Craig 11 carries for 96 yards, 0 TD, 31 long yard play	
Bates 7 for 53, 1 TD, Rozier 11 for 95, 2 TD, Mathison 7 for 53, 0 TD, Brungardt 9 for 43, 0 TD, Moravec 7 for 46, 1 TD	

INDIVIDUAL PASSING	
Gill 9 completions, 14 attempts for 178 yards, 0 int., 4 TD, 45 yard long play	

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING	
Steels 3 carries for 45 yards, 1 TD, Craig 2 for 25, Brown 2 for 83, 2 TD, Bates 1 for 9, 1 TD	

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the athletic world, despite its connotation of ego, strength, and rule-contained violence—a beauty, cleanliness, and purpose that was similar to that which he could see in all other areas of life. But he was more aware on a daily basis of pushing himself through school and locating a coaching job. His GI Bill money and the money that Gloria made as a full-time employee of the telephone company was sufficient to get by on, but he wanted to build a family and a place for that family.

Graduation brought the diploma he expected, but not the kind of coaching job he'd hoped for. He had remained in the Reserves upon his discharge from the submarine service. And the U.S. found itself again involved with war, this time in a place called Korea. Colleges were afraid to hire a veteran who was still in the Reserves.

Through his mentor, Hank Iba, Don was offered a coaching job in a small rural consolidated school system in Norfolk, Oklahoma, just outside Stillwater. Glad at least to be working, Don began to practice what had been preached to him at A & M and what he had learned as a manager to Iba's great teams.

Don had learned well. His team, his very first, won 29 games that year. It lost 2. And that record advanced him the next year to Eastern Oklahoma State in Wilburton, where his pay was \$3,600 a year and he and Gloria had a small house on the campus. His jobs were head basketball coach and athletic director; and overseer, assistant, and helper to all of the college's sports. There were two children in the McClanen household now: Michael, born in December 1948, and Judy, born in February 1950.

Don's life was busy. He was doing well as a basketball coach. Twice, Eastern Oklahoma had gone to the national playoffs in its division. It also boasted a state championship. Don was a good coach, he knew it, and the record proved it. It was the pattern of so many coaches who had advanced before him; he sensed that major college and the making of his mark were part of his future.

Still, he made road trips that didn't end at locker rooms or gymnasiums, but at Bob Geller's driveway. The association that had started when he was a student at A & M had long since become a deep friendship, no matter the intervening miles or months. And the talks now had broadened to family matters, coaching matters, and Christian matters. But his questioning dream of coaches and athletes and their potential for enlarging Christian life always surfaced.

The answer, unexpectedly and without fanfare, surfaced on a page in the *Daily Oklahoman*, delivered one morning in March 1954 to the front door of the McClanen's small home in Wilburton.

Don stopped thumbing through the paper and focused his eyes on an article announcing that Dr. Louis H. Evans, Sr., was scheduled to speak in Oklahoma City, about 150 miles northwest of Wilburton, to a

Presbyterian men's meeting. He called to Gloria and showed her the article. He didn't have to leave his chair and go to the now-familiar top drawer in the bedroom. He knew that one of the clippings that he had stored carefully away contained a picture and information on Dr. Evans.

Together, as they approached everything in their lives, Don and Gloria McClanen made plans to go to Oklahoma City. Don had a feeling of excitement and anticipation, as though more parts of the answer to his dream might lie less than 200 miles away. But there was to be a disappointment. Don's first obligation was to his Lord, with his family next. And that meant he should do his job as well as he could. Don had coaching responsibilities on the Thursday night that Evans was to be in Oklahoma City. There was no agonizing over a decision, no discussion with Gloria about which place to be. He knew, and that was that. He missed Dr. Evans. And he wondered, after he discovered the scheduling conflict, what might have come out of a meeting with the man. He tried to remain cheerful and put the disappointment aside, but he had been so close to a man who might really be able to give him further guidance, and possibly a new direction to his life—and he was, without question, discouraged. He tried to shake the unhappiness as he and Gloria drove on Friday, the day after he would have been in Dr. Evans' presence, to Stillwater and a weekend with the Gellers. But he was unusually introspective and, from time to time during the drive, he grumbled. He pulled the Pontiac into the driveway and hardly stepped out to walk around to open the door for Gloria when June Geller came out of the house to greet them.

She was glad they had arrived early, explaining that the Gellers were expecting a guest for supper and saying she was happy that Don and Gloria would be able to join them. As they walked into the house, she told them that the dinner guest was Dr. Louis H. Evans. He was in Stillwater for Religious Emphasis Week on the campus of Oklahoma State.

Don McClanen's heart and his spirit jumped. Of all people who could have been there that night, Louis Evans would have been first on his list. The disappointment and the frustration at missing a man suddenly so important to him and his dream fell away.

That evening, Don poured out his dream to Evans: the idea of a ministry of coaches and athletes, the harnessing of heroes to reach those who idolized them for a life for the Lord, the names in the magazine and newspaper articles that Don still kept in a dresser drawer.

Evans was spontaneous in his enthusiasm. That night the two men prayed about the idea. They talked and prayed again the next morning. Evans saw it as a great idea, but cautioned that they should research the athletic world so as not to duplicate someone else's similar effort. But Evans poured a strong fertilizing potion on the idea that Don had nursed with Bob Geller's help. He urged Don to write to the men featured in the clippings, and find out if they would be willing to serve in this beginning of a coming-together of a kind of fellowship of Christian athletes.

Don did write to them when he returned to Wilburton

and the top dresser drawer became a file cabinet of possible disciples of a dream. There were 19 people and Don wrote each of them, beginning in April:

Don wondered what the commitment to service would mean to these men. But the wondering and the thinking had to take a back seat to action now.

- Doak Walker, All-Pro halfback of the Detroit Lions
- Carl Erskine, veteran pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers
- Otto Graham, quarterback for the Cleveland Browns
- Reverend Bob Richards, Olympic gold-medal pole-vaulter
- R. J. Robinson, All-American basketball player at Baylor
- Donn Moomaw, All-American linebacker at UCLA
- Bob Mathias, Olympic decathlon gold medalist
- Alvin Dark, shortstop for the Boston Braves
- Dean Cromwell, famed track coach at USC
- Bud Wilkinson, head football coach, University of Oklahoma
- Glenn Cunningham, Olympics competitor and world-champion miler from Kansas
- Dan Towler, All-Pro running back for the Los Angeles Rams
- Biggie Munn, head football coach, Michigan State
- Roe Johnston, All-American end at the Naval Academy
- Red Barber, former sportscaster for the Brooklyn Dodgers
- Tom Harmon, All-American halfback and Heisman Trophy winner at the University of Michigan
- Alonzo Stagg, football coach at University of Chicago and College of Pacific
- Louie Sanporenio, Olympic track star
- Branch Rickey, general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In his letters to these men, Don stated his belief that America was a hero-worshipping society, that many of the country's youth wouldn't listen to their parents or take their pastors seriously about the positive side of Christian life. He went on in his letters to explain that he felt most of America's young would listen to the men who competed on athletic fields; and that those he wanted to enlist in his army were the people who weren't afraid to acknowledge their faith. Don also stated that none of the men would be paid or receive financial gain in return for his help.

As he waited to see whether any of these giants in the world of American sports would send a message back to him in his small corner of southeast Oklahoma, Don McClanen now knew that God was leading him. If he needed evidence, it came in 14 envelopes from the 19 athletes to whom he had written, a remarkable response that strengthened Don's resolve. Most of the letters were brief, one or two paragraphs. But each said yes, he would be willing to give his time and his service.

Don wondered what the commitment to service would

mean to these men. But the wondering and the thinking had to take a back seat to action now. And the action Don was to take would bring a tension as yet unknown to him and to Gloria.

He felt he had to speak with some of the 14 letter-writers personally, to insure that they were willing to do the kind of work that he envisioned. But he had no money for travel and all of the athletes were far distant from Oklahoma. He talked with Gloria, who was his comrade and his confidante as well as his wife. They prayed.

Don believed that his wife shared in his course of action as he approached a banker in Wilburton who respected the coaching job that Don was doing at Eastern Oklahoma.

The banker was sympathetic; Don left the bank with \$1,000. The family car had been put up as collateral on a mortgage. When he got home and told Gloria that he had mortgaged the car for the \$1,000 needed to visit some of the athletes, Don found that Gloria's reaction was not what he had expected. Gloria was his supporter and wanted him to pursue this goal, but not at the expense of the family and its needs.

The two of them were suddenly in the maelstrom of a financial argument that cut to the heart of their marriage. Don had misread her commitment to his dream. In following his dream, he had been blind to her needs and her hopes and fears as a wife and a mother. The days and the evenings were filled with tension and discord in the McClanen home. But in the end, as in the beginning of their relationship, they were of one mind and a single purpose. Don McClanen went to see some of the athletes in order to plumb the depth of their intent. And he went with Gloria's blessing. He returned uplifted by the visits, but with work still to do and no money with which to do it.

It was now May 1954. Don heard from G. Raymond Campbell, a Presbyterian pastor in Oklahoma City. Campbell had talked to Don earlier about being a youth coordinator for the church and Don at that time had spoken in general terms of his idea. The minister had told him that when the time was right and the need was apparent the Christian Laymen's League of Oklahoma city would try to help with some money for the effort. Ray Campbell soon delivered \$1,000 to Don; enough money for Don to further explore his idea with more people who might share in the effort. God truly had his hand in the effort, Don thought.

One person Don visited was Leonard E. LeSourd, the managing editor of *Guideposts*, the inspirational magazine that had carried the story on Otto Graham. LeSourd was in *Guideposts'* New York editorial offices on East 46th Street when he was told that a young man was waiting to speak to him. The young man introduced himself as Don McClanen, a coach at a small Oklahoma college, who then launched into his idea for a new kind of sports organization.

LeSourd listened with growing interest. McClanen talked about a fellowship of Christian athletes and coaches and the impact they could have in bringing Christ to hero-worshipping youngsters. He explained to LeSourd that he had read of such athletes in

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Guideposts and was trying to contact as many of them as he could. Branch Rickey's name was mentioned. LeSourd's father had played baseball under the careful coaching eye of Rickey at Ohio Wesleyan and Rickey was a family friend of LeSourd's.

The word "fellowship" began to take on a living meaning. Before Don left, Leonard LeSourd had provided *Guideposts* articles by 7 men in the athletic spotlight including Rickey, his friendship, and a timely gift of inspiration, belief in the dream, and encouragement.

Don's next call was at the offices of the National Council of Churches, where he met James L. Stoner, at the time director of the University Christian Mission. Jim Stoner wanted to know how much emphasis would be put on the athletes in the college ranks. Don said that the college campus would be the major focus of his efforts. Stoner expressed an interest in the possibility of the program. In calling on Stoner, Don had touched an area vital to his idea: the church.

But successes in New York were countered by failure in Pittsburgh, where Branch Rickey was located. Rickey had been one of the original 19 men to whom Don had written without receiving a reply. Talking with Rickey grew to be a near-obsession with Don. He had read about the man and his good works in baseball, his Christian attitude, and his belief that

men of character and worth were men who should wear his uniform. But getting to see him proved a difficult task.

Don resorted to telephone calls to Rickey's offices in Pittsburgh, where he was executive vice-president and general manager of the Pirates. First Ken Blackburn, Rickey's secretary, discouraged Don. Undaunted, Don got through to Branch Rickey, Jr., only to be rebuffed again. Dad's health is not very good and he's under tremendous pressure right now, the son told Don. Don had run into a natural and expected shield guarding Rickey, who had spent time in Saranac Lake, N.Y. in 1907 when tuberculosis ended his baseball playing career.

But Don McClanen persisted. He felt that Rickey would support his idea if it were explained to him. And Don wanted and needed the kind of support that a man of Rickey's standing in the athletic world could lend to the idea.

Don had to travel from Oklahoma to Pennsylvania with his family in August, and he called Rickey's office again before starting the long drive. He asked if he could have 5 minutes with Rickey if he could get to his Pittsburgh office. He promised not to bother anyone in the Pirate's organization again if he was given the 5-minute meeting. Don put his family up in a Pittsburgh motel on a Monday night and was in Rickey's outer office as soon as it opened the next day. Rickey came in shortly after Don took a seat, and within 10 minutes summoned Don into his office.

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The hoped-for 5-minute meeting turned into 5 hours of a serious and probing conversation.

Rickey understood Don's idea quickly, but he wanted details. And he spent much of the 5 hours challenging the conviction that Don McClanen had about this idea of a fellowship of Christian athletes. He wanted to assure himself that the young coach from Oklahoma was a deeply committed Christian and not simply another sports fan who was interested in another program on physical culture for athletes. The 7 years of maturing into the service of the Lord while his dream also matured into an idea served Don McClanen well.

Rickey's understanding of the idea became a belief in the idea. But he was troubled about Don's ability to continue coaching and also pursue the dream. He told Don that he would need at least \$10,000. Rickey's business mind had analyzed Don's situation: family obligations, coaching job, no time to implement the idea. He was afraid that Don would overwork himself in trying to meet his personal obligations and at the same time trying to begin the movement.

He again told Don that \$10,000 was needed. As he looked at Don, he scratched the thick eyebrows that were one of his hallmarks. He thought reflectively, moving his cigar in and then out of his mouth. Finally, he said, "I think I may know the man who would be willing to give that \$10,000."

Branch Rickey, the man who was called the Father of Modern Baseball, who had implemented the idea of the farm club, who had made baseball a respectable sport and brought females to the parks with the idea of Ladies' Day, the man who broke the race barrier with Jackie Robinson, in that meeting with Don signed on with McClanen and his idea of a fellowship of Christian athletes. Rickey promised to play an active role in the movement.

It was a Branch Rickey challenge that had put the white Pontiac, Don McClanen, and his family on the road to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, that day in 1954. "If you can get some of the athletes to Pittsburgh, I think I can get you that \$10,000 and some additional help," Rickey had told Don.

But again the McClanen bank account was hovering near a zero balance. Don's car remained mortgaged for \$1,000, debts were mounting for his travels and contacts, and now he needed \$900 to fly several of the athletes East to meet with Rickey.

Bill Doenges ran a successful Ford agency in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and also managed to travel the state as a Methodist Conference lay leader. He had been an athlete, too. During the Depression era, he had quarterbacked Lynn O. Waldorf's Oklahoma City University football team.

But Doenges now was helping to provide transportation for Oklahoma University football players so that they could visit nearby churches and talk with

young people on weekends.

Don had called Doenges. The two had never met. In the telephone conversation, Don only said that he was trying to start a movement with Christian athletes and that he would like to talk. In addition, Don knew that he needed \$2,000 to clear his debts and get a group of athletes to Pittsburgh. He wanted to talk to Doenges about money, but he wanted a face-to-face meeting.

Thus, McClanen took the road to Bartlesville, accompanied by his family. The Pontiac pulled up outside the Doenges Ford agency and Don headed inside. As they waited in the car, Gloria and the two McClanen children offered their prayers for a successful meeting. When Don reappeared, he had a check for \$2,200, a new friend and supporter in Bill Doenges, and the means to gather athletes in Pittsburgh and also to pay off the \$1,000 on his car.

Branch Rickey had persuaded several influential and wealthy Pittsburgh businessmen to listen to the story that Don and the athletes wanted to tell.

Some of the visitors who stayed in the YMCA as guests of Branch Rickey formed the first advisory board for Don's idea. And out of that group of men and that first advisory board came living examples of man's commitment to Christ, as they rolled up their sleeves and hammered out a proposed constitution and plan of operation.

After the advisory board had been formed and had met, there was another meeting in Pittsburgh. It was with a small group of Pittsburgh businessmen. Dr. Evans shared with the business and professional leaders of Pittsburgh his belief in Don's dream. He told them that the idea would mean a great change for the better in the lives of athletes, coaches, and all whom they influenced.

Among the men at that meeting was Pittsburgh industrialist Paul G. Benedum. A close friend of Rickey's, Benedum had arranged the meeting and had called some of his business friends together. Benedum had been graduated from Ohio State University in 1927 and had begun work that year as a geologist and district manager of the Benedum-Trees Oil Company. He went on to found 1 oil company and to serve as president of 3 others.

With nothing more to go on than the outline of one man's dream and the enthusiasm of 3 people at the meeting—Branch Rickey, Louis Evans, and Don McClanen—Paul Benedum gave \$10,000 of his own money to the idea. And with that \$10,000, the idea became a truly national movement even before it had even become a local movement in Oklahoma.

Benedum, a wise businessman, had listened carefully to the men and had watched their faces. He had been immediately impressed that Branch Rickey was part of the effort. He had been impressed that Dr. Evans, who had spent 10 years of his ministry in Pittsburgh and who was well known to Benedum, was strong in his belief.

After that meeting, which turned into a celebration sharing an important victory, Paul Benedum said to Rickey that the fellowship was the most exciting idea he'd ever heard of. It was so natural, so down to earth. He believed it was bound to have an unending effect on the youth across the nation. ■

Control Of TV Rights Still Key Issue To CFA

by Randy York

Chuck Neinas believes the college football major powers should be more restless than ever over NCAA control.

Proposal 47 — "The televising, cablecasting or otherwise televising of intercollegiate football games of member institutions shall be controlled by bylaws enacted by the association (NCAA)"

The preceding short paragraph may sound harmless, but former Big Eight Conference Commissioner Chuck Neinas considers that grouping of words the biggest issue facing major college football powers today.

Neinas, now executive director of the College Football Association (CFA) in Boulder, Colorado, says "there is absolutely no doubt in my mind" that Proposal 47 will be adopted at the NCAA's annual convention in Houston in January.

If it is, Neinas believes this nation's college football powers should be more restless than ever with the body that governs them.

Although the CFA's proposed \$150 million, four-year contract with NBC-TV failed to generate the necessary support to replace the NCAA's \$263 million contract with ABC-TV and CBS-TV, Neinas believes his group served a major function.

"If the CFA has done nothing else," Neinas said, "it has acquainted its membership with the ramifications of Proposal 47. The membership should fully understand what the magnitude of that piece of legislation is and recognize what it does to their opportunities to explore other forms of TV medium."

Basically, Neinas said, Proposal 47 would strip major college football powers of the property rights to their own schools.

Neinas acknowledges that some type of control is necessary over what is often called the supplementary package of television. But, he emphasized, that control should be enacted "by those universities in the marketplace."

Basically, the CFA represents those schools, with the exception of the Big Ten and Pac Ten Conferences, which are equally concerned about the ramifications of Proposal 47.

The problems, Neinas said, are twofold: (1) the NCAA has implied a certain amount of autonomy for Division I-A schools and "Division I-A does not have autonomy"; and (2) the CFA has cautioned its members since its inception not to give up their birthright to cable television.

Although CFA schools have been called greedy for wanting to control their own television destiny, Neinas believes schools "riding the coattails" of the powers are really the greedy ones.

"There is a certain amount of acceptance in the share-the-wealth philosophy for over-air television," Neinas said. "But a situation calling for a subscriber to pay a fee is more an extension of the stadium than anything."

According to Neinas, the key question is: Does non-conventional TV (cable) become a community property? "The precedent established under Proposal 47 is far-reaching," Neinas said. "Its passage carried the obligation of its members. My question is: What good is ownership, if you can't control it?"

Tom Hansen, NCAA television program director, believes it is ironic that Neinas believes Proposal 47 is such a key issue "when all the emphasis at the special NCAA convention in St. Louis was on property rights."

Basically, Hansen believes the CFA is manufacturing controversy in Proposal 47 to justify its existence. "I don't view Proposal 47 as anything new or different," Hansen said, adding that most schools voting against the CFA-NBC contract did so with the belief that the NCAA would solve the property rights issue amicably.

"Football TV controls are essential to the membership," Hansen said. "Without them, it would be very damaging to most if not all members. Proposal 47 merely puts into specific language the authority the NCAA has always assumed existed."

Hansen believes Proposal 45 is equally important. Basically, it addresses the control question for the next four years. Proposal 47, he said, addresses the question of control beyond that.

The proposals require two-thirds constitutional vote to pass. Although that vote will include all NCAA members, Hansen said each division then needs a simple majority vote for its own bylaw.

"Division I-A may develop its own plan," Hansen said. "I think it will happen. I think it will wind up with a book to govern itself and the number of schools involved probably will be less than 95."

If the NCAA successfully reorganizes in January, the CFA will have accomplished a major mission.

The recent network contract issue has forced attention away from the CFA's original purpose. "We can't overlook the historical perspective," Neinas said. "When the CFA started talking in October of '75 and formed in '77, it was to gain reorganization of the NCAA. We wanted to provide a forum for athletic programs with similar philosophies and

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similar programs to come together on matters of mutual interests and concerns."

NCAA organization proposals failed in 1976, '77 and '78. Other CFA proposed legislation in '78 and '79 did not pass in the NCAA. The CFA took its first important step in 1979 with athletic directors and football coaches voting to establish an office.

Neinas took immediate charge and out of the CFA's 1980 meeting came two major proposals eventually adopted by the NCAA last January in Miami. The first developed a satisfactory academic program rule, requiring athletes to complete a minimum number of hours in a degree tract program.

That proposal was inspired to a large degree by the coaches who had been embarrassed by NCAA rules allowing a wholesale number of elective hours that sometimes left athletes two years short of degrees, even though they had retained their academic eligibility.

The second major CFA-influenced legislation, also inspired by the coaches, paved the way for the NCAA to adopt a recruiting calendar with more sanity, pushing the bulk of the recruiting process into the months of December, January and February.

This month, in Houston, the NCAA is expected to adopt two more recruiting proposals supported by the CFA. The first reduces an athlete's official visits from six to five colleges and the second eliminates a complimentary meal for athletes who visit campuses on their own.

Even though the CFA did not gain the necessary support for its television contract with NBC, it did influence a major change in the NCAA's agreement with the other two networks. Thanks to the CFA, a school's maximum five appearances in two years has now been increased to six appearances.

The competition provided by CFA involvement also served to push the overall price up for the other package. "We paid dividends for the NCAA," Neinas said. "We've helped develop some guarantees for other sports that used to be included in the overall football rights fees."

Perhaps more important than anything, "CFA members are much

more aware of what goes on than they had been," Neinas said. "The network television issue forced understanding of a complex problem."

Even though the CFA lost the battle, Neinas did not feel like a loser. Schools which did not vote with the CFA were "still supportive of our objectives," Neinas said. "I've been very pleased by the number of letters I've received."

Those letters stretched beyond the more visible CFA leaders, such as Nebraska, Oklahoma, Alabama, Penn State, Notre Dame, Texas, Clemson, Arkansas and Georgia.

"Schools which had not been in the forefront wrote very supporting letters," Neinas said, mentioning Baylor, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, West Virginia and Florida, among others.

Those letters help Neinas believe the CFA is still a strong and viable organization despite its failure to rally the forces for NBC. "It was not unanticipated," Neinas said. "I was most disappointed for NBC. Their package was excellent. The NCAA contract offered more money, but it milks in a lot more schools."

Neinas' work has generated strong praise from some of the CFA's softer members. Even the Eastern Athletic Conference (WAC) has recognized that gains within the NCAA have been achieved as the basic result of the CFA.

"If further gains are to be accomplished, they also may have to be prompted by the CFA," Neinas said. "The NCAA must recognize different plateaus of competition and different philosophies. Those of like interests must get together and hammer out like solutions."

Neinas has found it unacceptable for non-football schools in the lower echelon of the NCAA voting down academic matters "for reasons subject to some suspicion."

He remembers one NCAA convention, when he was still Big Eight Commissioner, when Southern Conference representatives were seated across the aisle from Big Eight Conference representatives.

"Furman and The Citadel were negating the votes of Nebraska and Oklahoma," Neinas recalled. "I just don't think that's right."

Yet Neinas realizes that reorganization does not automatically settle all problems. "I don't think there is any

magic number (for Division I-A schools)," he said. "I always thought the Big Eight was a microcosm of major college football, yet we would test major ideas and come up with a 4-4 vote split."

One of those splits is reflected in scholarship limits. Tom Osborne and Barry Switzer's philosophies may not coincide with the rest of the league. The same applies to their respective schools' potential for supplementary television.

If Oklahoma can generate a 1.5 million three-year package for radio rights, Neinas figures it does not take a Phi Beta Kappa to envision the Sooners' cable television rights. Nebraska, the NCAA record-holder for consecutive sellouts, commands a similarly lucrative situation.

Neinas believes if the NCAA gains control of supplementary football telecasts, "what's to stop it from coming back and imposing controls on basketball? There are so many ramifications to this proposal."

The NCAA's Hansen tends to low key the issue. He pointed out that Charley Scott, Alabama's associate academic vice-president, recently resigned as chairman of the CFA television committee. Before he resigned, Scott said the NCAA had satisfied nine of the CFA's 10 primary concerns in its new TV plan.

Hansen said that 11 of the 14 members on the NCAA television committee represent big-time college football. That committee, he added, consistently reflects the concerns of its membership.

Through 30 years of "actual performance" with television, Hansen believes the NCAA has earned the right to control, even if that right has been understood in the past.

"There's a lot of money out there to push around the table," Hansen said. Proposal 47 would not lead to "stamping with a boot" by the NCAA. Rather, he said, it would be a control measuring the response of programs with similar concerns.

Hansen does not see Proposal 47 in dramatic terms. He insists it will not mean the adoption of the harshest proposals. "It will just give us several possible avenues to earn our way back through legislative proposals of caring and concern," he said. "I think schools saw in our special convention that we are listening and trying to meet those concerns." ■



Steve Damkroger closes in on Wildcat runner.

Manhattan Just Another Home

Manhattan, Kansas — Although it was Nebraska's first road game in five weeks, the Cornhuskers' 49-3 victory over Kansas State might just as well have been considered a home game. At least one-third of the 44,915 fans who came to KSU Stadium to watch, on this windswept autumn afternoon, wore red, and by the fourth quarter, those were about the only people still around.

Quarterback Turner Gill and tight end Jamie Williams wasted little time in establishing 14th-ranked Nebraska's superiority on this particular afternoon. The two hooked up on a pair of first-quarter touchdown passes — of 23 and 13 yards — and with 3:55 remaining in the period, the Cornhuskers held a 14-0 lead.

Whatever doubt remained in the minds of the second-largest crowd in Kansas State football history was dispelled early in the second quarter when NU I-back Mike Rozier raced 93 yards for a third touchdown.

The sophomore junior college transfer from Coffeyville Junior College gained 153 yards on 19 carries during the game as Nebraska rolled to 34 first downs and 674 yards of offense.

"After we scored our first three touchdowns, I think they gave up," NU defensive captain Jimmie Williams said.

The offense and a Steve Damkroger-led defense, which limited Kansas State to 136 yards, offset Nebraska's fumble problems — the Huskers lost three of eight fumbles.

"Football is such an emotional game," said NU head coach Tom Osborne. "It's such a game of momentum and turnovers. If we'd have been playing a real good football team instead of Kansas State, we might have been in trouble with our turnovers."

Nebraska's defense extended a string of consecutive scoreless quarters to nine before Kansas State got on the board with a 33-yard field goal late in the third period, the only one in which the Cornhuskers did not score. "I was disappointed that we couldn't score early in the third quarter," Osborne said.

Nebraska came back in the fourth quarter to add 21 points. Sophomore Irving Fryar scored two touchdowns, the first on a 49-yard pass play from Mark Mauer and the second on a nine-yard run.

Place-kicker Kevin Seibel was suc-

cessful on seven extra-point conversions to extend his school-record streak to 56.

With the victory, Nebraska became the only undefeated and untied team in Big Eight Conference play heading into its next game at Missouri. Said a cautious Osborne: "I don't think it means much right now."

"Any great optimism at this point is unfounded." ●

NEBRASKA 49, KANSAS STATE 3				
NU Cornhuskers	0	0	3	0-3
KSU Wildcats	14	14	0	21-49
NU — Williams 23 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)				
NU — Williams 13 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)				
NU — Rozier 93 yard run (Seibel kick)				
NU — Moravec 2 run (Seibel kick)				
KSU — Field Goal, Willis 33 yards				
NU — Fryar 49 pass from Mauer (Seibel kick)				
NU — Fryar 9 yard run (Seibel kick)				
NU — Mathison 1 yard run (Seibel kick)				

TEAM STATS			OPP
NU			
34	First Downs		8
451	Yards Rushing		86
223	Yards Passing		50
674	Total Offense		136

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING	
Craig 13 carries for 59 yards, 0 TD, 12 yard long play;	
Gill 14 for 72, 0, 17, Rozier 19 for 133, 1, 93; Moravec 7 for 40, 1, 11; Brungardt 7 for 46, 0, 13.	

INDIVIDUAL PASSING	
Gill 10 completions, 14 attempts, 0 int., 2 TD, 24 yard long play; Mauer 3 for 3, 82, 0, 1, 49.	

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING	
Craig 3 catches for 30 yards; Williams 3 for 51, 2 TD; Fryar 1 for 49, 1 TD	



Turner Gill leaps over friend and foe at Missouri.

Tigers Fall To Late Score

Columbia, Missouri — Nebraska and Missouri kept a split-national television audience and 72,001 fans at Faurot Field spellbound right to the end in the Cornhuskers' 6-0 victory.

One Nebraska hero was fullback Phil Bates, who crashed into the Missouri end zone with 23 seconds remaining to give the Cornhuskers their fourth straight victory.

Another was sophomore quarterback Turner Gill who directed Nebraska on its 10-play, 64-yard, game-winning march. The drive began with 2:36 remaining and was kept alive when Gill teamed up with junior split end Todd Brown for 24 yards on a third-and-10 from the NU 49-yard line.

Gill showed the poise of a veteran senior, completing three passes during the series, the last, also to Brown, setting up the Huskers with a first-and-goal at the Missouri four-yard line. For his two clutch pass receptions, Brown was chosen Nebraska's ABC television "Player of the Game."

On first down from the Missouri four, I-back Roger Craig, the game's leading rusher with 94 yards in 17 car-

ries, took a pitch and went left for no gain. Nebraska called a timeout with 40 seconds left. On a second down, Craig went off right guard for one yard. Missouri called time with 26 seconds remaining.

Then, on third down and with the capacity crowd standing on the clear but cold afternoon, Bates took Gill's hand-off on a "34-trap" and backed in to the end zone. "I knew we were going to win. It was only a matter of time," Bates said later in the jubilant Husker locker room.

The senior from Omaha finished the game with 60 yards rushing, but none were more important than those three, which kept Nebraska from being shut out for the first time in 93 games and enabled the Cornhuskers to hold their position atop the Big Eight Conference standings.

While Nebraska kept its victory string intact, the Husker's junior place-kicker Kevin Seibel was not so fortunate. He missed the extra-point kick, his first miss after setting a school record of 56 in a row.

Missouri managed just 10 first downs

and 193 yards of total offense against Nebraska's Black Shirt defense, which was keyed by end Tony Felici and linebacker Steve Damkroger. Felici was credited with 12 tackles, Damkroger with 10.

Felici and tackle Toby Williams each had three quarterback sacks for a combined 32 yards in losses. NU cornerback, Ric Lindquist intercepted one pass and broke up two others.

"That's the greatest defensive game I've ever been involved with," NU head coach Tom Osborne said. ●

NEBRASKA 6, MISSOURI 0				
All Cornhuskers:	0	0	0	0
MU Tigers:	0	0	0	0
*Ed Bates 3 run (kick failed)				

TEAM STATS		OPP
NU		
11	First Downs	10
222	Yards Rushing	45
99	Yards Passing	188
321	Total Offense	193

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING	
Craig 17 carries for 94, 0 TD, 36 yard long play, Rober	
11 MU 25 0 9 Gill 17 for 34 0 11 Bates 8 for 60 1 39	

INDIVIDUAL PASSING	
Gill 3 completions, 22 attempts for 99 yards 0 int, 0	
TD 24 yard long play	

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING	
Williams 4 catches for 34 yards 0 TD 10 yard long	
play, Brown 2 for 45 0 24	



Bye, bye — Phil Bates and Turner Gill. Jayhawk a step late.

Defense Checks Kansas Bid

Lincoln — This particular Saturday afternoon belonged to the Nebraska defense. It bent, but it never broke in the Cornhuskers' 31-15 Big Eight Conference victory over Kansas, one of six NU opponents which would receive bowl invitations at the end of the season.

The 15 points Kansas scored against Nebraska came on five Bruce Kallmeyer field goals. The Jayhawks never crossed the goal line, however, as Nebraska's defense extended its string to five games in a row without allowing a touchdown, something no NU defense had done since 1910.

Husker head coach Tom Osborne was pleased with the victory but displeased with his team's performance. "If we don't play any better than we did today, we may not win our last three games," he said.

The Black Shirt defense saved the day against a highly-motivated Kansas team, forcing the field goals instead of yielding touchdowns and setting up Nebraska's first three scores with two fumble recoveries and a pass interception.

Early in the second quarter, NU middle guard Jeff Merrell recovered a fumble to set up the series which led to Edie Neil's 32-yard field goal.

Nebraska didn't lead until 9:54 remained in the third quarter, when fullback Phil Bates scored the first of his two touchdowns, from two yards out, to give the Cornhuskers a 10-9 advantage. That touchdown was set up by Rodney Lewis' pass interception and 31-yard return to the Kansas 15-yard line.

Lewis, who started for the first time since the Penn State game, also had a hand in setting up Nebraska's next touchdown, a three-yard run by Bates. Lewis and safety Jeff Krejci combined to hit KU's Garfield Taylor; the ball popped free, and Husker linebacker Brent Evans recovered it at the Kansas 26-yard line.

Evans was credited with 19 tackles to lead the defense.

Bates' second touchdown and Kevin Seibel's extra point made the score 17-12, a lead Kansas cut with Kallmeyer's fifth field goal but could never overcome.

Nebraska increased its final advantage on fourth-quarter touchdowns by Jamie Williams and Mike Rozier. Williams and quarterback Turner Gill combined on a 17-yard TD pass, and Rozier, the game's leading rusher with 179 yards in 22 carries, capped the afternoon with a 49-yard touchdown run.

NEBRASKA 31, KANSAS 15				
KU Jayhawks	3	6	3	3-15
NU Cornhuskers	0	3	14	14-31
KU — Field Goal, Kallmeyer 25 yards				
NU — Field Goal, Neil 32 yards				
KU — Field Goal, Kallmeyer 27 yards				
KU — Field Goal, Kallmeyer 49 yards				
NU — Bates 2 run (Seibel kick)				
KU — Field Goal, Kallmeyer 49 yards				
NU — Bates 3 run (Seibel kick)				
KU — Field Goal, Kallmeyer 47 yards				
NU — Williams 17 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)				
NU — Rozier yard run (Seibel kick)				

TEAM STATS		NU
OPP		
20	First Downs	16
182	Yards Rushing	340
142	Yards Passing	37
324	Total Offense	377

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING
Rozier 22 carries for 179 yards, 1 TD, 49 yard long play;
Bates 14 for 86, 2, 16; Gill 7 for 34, 0, 9.

INDIVIDUAL PASSING
Gill 4 completions, 9 attempts for 37 yards, 1 int., 1 TD, 17 yard long play.

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING
Williams 3 catches for 29 yards, 1 TD, 17 yard long play.



Phil Bates eludes OSU's Pete DiClementi.

What Cowboy Defense?

Stillwater, Oklahoma — The irresistible force met the previously immoveable object on a warm November afternoon at Lewis Field.

The irresistible force was just that as a partisan crowd of 48,500 and a regional television audience watched the nation's second ranked defense yield 54 points in Nebraska's 54-7 thrashing of Oklahoma State.

The loss was the Cowboys' worst in 25 years of playing at Lewis Field.

"I was ready for a tight, tough, defensive game. I thought we would win if we played well, but I was expecting something more like 14-0," said Nebraska coach Tom Osborne. "I was pleased but surprised.

"I had no idea we could score 30 points against them, let alone 50 some against the (Oklahoma State) defensive team we had been seeing on film. I think because of the way Oklahoma State had been playing to this point, it might have been our best offensive game," he said.

Nebraska, which entered the game ranked fifth in the nation in total offense and second in rushing offense,

scored on its first three possessions, driving 86 and 85 yards on the first two.

Sophomore quarterback Turner Gill scored the first two touchdowns, on runs of four and nine yards, and the Cornhuskers led 14-0 with four minutes still remaining in the first quarter. Less than three minutes later, Eddie Neil's 27-yard field goal made the score 17-0.

The field goal was set up by defensive end Jimmy Williams' first collegiate interception, a total to which he added early in the second half when he picked off pass No. 2.

Williams and his defensive teammates held Oklahoma State in check, limiting the Cowboys to 41 yards in 37 rushing attempts.

Junior linebacker Steve Damkroger was credited with 11 tackles, including three of losses totaling six yards, to lead the Black Shirt defense. Nebraska's string of 22 quarters without allowing a touchdown ended nine minutes into the third period, however, when Oklahoma State scored on an eight-yard pass play from Rusty Hilger to Ron Ingram.

Craig and Rozier each rushed for more than 100 yards, Craig finishing

with a game-high 121 yards in 12 carries and Rozier adding 102 yards in 19 attempts.

The victory was the sixth in a row for a Nebraska team which went into the weekend ranked eighth in the nation by the United Press International and 11th by the Associated Press. ●

NEBRASKA 54, OKLAHOMA STATE 7	
NU — G. 4:41 (1st quarter)	OSU — G. 4:41 (1st quarter)
NU — G. 8:41 (1st quarter)	OSU — G. 8:41 (1st quarter)
NU — P. 4:01 (1st quarter)	OSU — P. 4:01 (1st quarter)
NU — K. 8:41 (1st quarter)	OSU — K. 8:41 (1st quarter)
NU — O. 14:01 (1st quarter)	OSU — O. 14:01 (1st quarter)
OSU — I. 14:01 (1st quarter)	NU — I. 14:01 (1st quarter)
NU — P. 14:01 (1st quarter)	OSU — P. 14:01 (1st quarter)
NU — B. 14:01 (1st quarter)	OSU — B. 14:01 (1st quarter)
NU — S. 14:01 (1st quarter)	OSU — S. 14:01 (1st quarter)
NU — M. 14:01 (1st quarter)	OSU — M. 14:01 (1st quarter)

TEAM STATS	
NU	OSU
30	First Downs
425	Yards Rushing
121	Yards Passing
346	Total Offense

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING
Rozier 19 carries for 102 yards, 6 TD, 16 yard long play.
Gill 13 for 40, 2 TD, 21 yard long play, 1 TD, 1 yard long play.

INDIVIDUAL PASSING
Mauer 1 completion, 4 attempts for 32 yards, 1 TD, 1 yard long play.
Gill 8 for 89, 1 TD, 1 yard long play.

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING
Kreik 4 catches for 53 yards, 1 TD, 21 yard long play.



The Cyclones thought they had Phil Bates stopped. But the Husker fullback is hard to bring down.

Huskers Clinch Big 8 Title

Lincoln — Nebraska waited until the final quarter of its final home game to wrap up head coach Tom Osborne's first undisputed Big Eight Conference championship and a bid to play in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day night.

Starting with Eddie Neil's 49-yard field goal, the Cornhuskers scored 24 fourth-quarter points to break a 7-7 tie and defeat Iowa State 31-7 before the 118th straight sellout home crowd of 76,258.

Neil's three points, just eight seconds into the fourth period, were all Nebraska really needed, but sophomore Irving Fryar put the capper on victory No. 8 with a 63-yard punt return for a touchdown 1:40 later.

Senior Anthony Steels, who sang the National Anthem prior to the game, and fullback Phil Bates wrapped up Nebraska's scoring.

Steels and Turner Gill hooked up on a three-yard touchdown pass following a drive which began with defensive tackle Henry Waechter's pass interception, and less than a minute later, Bates ran 11 yards to paydirt on the first play after a fumble recovery by middle guard

Curt Hinline.

"I really feel glad to win our first clear-cut Big Eight championship, but our coaches and players won't feel like we've accomplished all we want unless we go down and beat Oklahoma," said Osborne.

"I'm proud of the character our team showed after getting off to a 1-2 start. There wasn't any finger-pointing after we lost two games. All of us, players and coaches, pulled together and never lost confidence."

It was confidence and a staunch defense that pulled the Cornhuskers through against Iowa State. Nebraska's offense faltered against the Cyclones, generating just 272 total yards. But the NU defense stifled an Iowa State attack which relied heavily on tailback Dwayne Crutchfield, the Big Eight's leading rusher.

Crutchfield rushed for 98 yards in the first half, then carried five times for a minus-one yard in the second.

Waechter handled the defensive chores up front, finishing the game with 11 tackles. Linebackers Steve Damkroger, Brent Evans and Steve

McWhirter were credited with a combined total of 33 tackles.

The biggest story to come out of the Iowa State game, however, didn't develop until much later that night when a severely bruised right calf muscle began bothering Gill, the sophomore quarterback who had directed Nebraska to its six straight conference victories. ●

NEBRASKA 31, IOWA STATE 7

ISU Cyclones	0	7	0	0	— 7
NU Cornhuskers	0	7	0	24	— 31
ISU — Crutchfield 2 run (Gifford kick)					
NU — Rozier 4 run (Seibel kick)					
NU — Field Goal, Neil 49 yards					
NU — Fryar 63 yard punt return (Seibel kick)					
NU — Steels 5 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
NU — Bates 11 run (Seibel kick)					

TEAM STATS

ORP		NU
13	First Downs	15
161	Yards Rushing	205
85	Yards Passing	67
246	Total Offense	272

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Rozier 14 carries for 62 yards, 1 TD, 14 yard long play; Craig 11 for 52, 0, 15.

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Gill 5 completions, 15 attempts for 50 yards, 1 int., 1 TD, 15 yard long play.

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Steels 3 catches for 28 yards, 1 TD, 15 yard long play; Brown 2 for 22, 0, 11.



Tackle Dan Hurley lights up a victory cigar at Owen Field.

No 'Winter Of Discontent'

Norman, Oklahoma — How sweet it was!

"Even though we had the conference championship clinched a week ago, it wouldn't have been a very happy championship if we hadn't won this game," head coach Tom Osborne said after fifth-ranked Nebraska defeated Oklahoma 37-14 to wrap up the Huskers' regular season schedule.

The Oklahoma game meant nothing to Nebraska in the final Big Eight standings since it already had clinched the title the week before, and it meant nothing as far as the Cornhuskers' bowl bid was concerned; they were headed to Miami to play then second-ranked Clemson in the Orange Bowl.

But in other respects, the OU game meant everything to Nebraska, which had suffered bitter disappointment at the hands of the Sooners time and again over the previous nine seasons.

To understand the significance of the victory, one had to place the game in the context of the teams' 10 previous games against each other, games during which the Cornhuskers had won only once, and to consider that Barry Switzer-coached Oklahoma teams had

lost to conference foes in Norman only one time in his nine seasons.

"I've taken so much guff over this game I'm just pleased to win it," said Osborne. "It would have been a winter of discontent if we hadn't beaten Oklahoma."

Even more remarkable was the fact that Nebraska played the Sooners without sophomore quarterback Turner Gill, whose replacement, senior co-captain Mark Mauer, hadn't started since the fourth game of the season.

Mauer responded like a champion, completing 11 of 16 passes for 148 yards and a touchdown to tight end Mitch Krenk. Operating behind an offensive line anchored by junior center Dave Rimington, soon to be named the Outland Award winner, Mauer directed Nebraska to 462 yards of total offense.

"Mark earned his respect. He should have earned the respect of everyone in the state of Nebraska. Mark played today like I thought he could," Osborne said.

For a fleeting instant at the beginning, it appeared Oklahoma was up to its old tricks. The Sooners took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards

in only six plays to score.

But they didn't score again until the third quarter, after Nebraska had rolled up a 24-7 advantage.

NU I-backs Mike Rozier and Roger Craig each rushed for more than 100 yards. Rozier officially finished with 137 yards after what was first ruled a 32-yard pass reception was changed to a lateral and rushing play.

Craig rushed for 102 yards to finish the regular season with 1,060 yards, the seventh time in modern history that a Cornhusker rushed for 1,000 yards or more during a regular season.

Nebraska's scoring included three field goals by Eddie Neil, an effort which tied the school's regular-season, single-game record; two touchdowns by fullback Phil Bates, who rushed for 75 yards in 12 carries; and single TDs by Craig and Krenk.

Craig's came on a 19-yard run with two seconds left in the first quarter and gave Nebraska the lead it never relinquished.

All-Big Eight safety Jeff Krejci led the Cornhusker defense with nine tackles.

"Realistically, every win counts one,



Mark Mauer shows the Sooners he can make the big plays, too.

but in the minds of our fans, a victory over Kansas State counts one, a win over Colorado is four, and a victory over Oklahoma is 10," said a happy Osborne.

The victory was a "10" and so was the conference season. . . or, to put it another way, it was perfection. ●

NEBRASKA 37, OKLAHOMA 14

NU Cornhuskers 10 14 10 3 — 37

OU Sooners 7 0 7 0 — 14

OU — Rhymes 20 yard run (Keeling kick)

NU — Field Goal, Neil 38 yards

NU — Craig 19 run (Seibel kick)

NU — Bates 16 run (Seibel kick)

NU — Krenk 6 pass from Mauer (Seibel kick)

OU — Shepard 1 run (Keeling kick)

NU — Field Goal, Neil 37 yards

NU — Bates 2 run (Seibel kick)

NU — Field Goal, Neil 24 yards

TEAM STATS

NU	First	OPP
27	Downs	21
314	Yards Rushing	277
148	Yards Passing	73
462	Total Offense	350

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Rozier 25 carries for 137 yards, 0 TD, 12 yard long play; Craig 18 for 102, 1, 19; Bates 12 for 75, 2, 18.

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Mauer 11 completions, 16 attempts for 148 yards, 1 int., 1 TD, 32 yard long play.

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Krenk 3 catches for 35 yards, 1 TD, 15 yard long play; Rozier 2 for 52, 0, 32.



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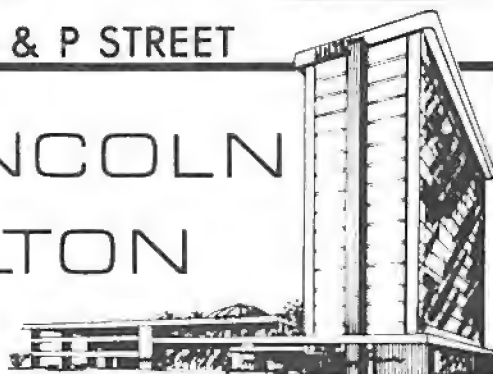
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Coach Tom Osborne gets close attention on the Orange Bowl sidelines.

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Oklahoma game as personally as a lot of people thought.

"You just kind of insulate yourself from it. If you don't, you never get anything done," he said.

Osborne preferred to judge the season in toto. It was a resounding success by his greatest team, he said, despite two backward steps in the first three games.

"We had had some good seasons, and the last game put a damper on them. It was a very satisfying way to end the regular season. Nobody could say we backed into the championship. It made some things nationally possible," Osborne said.

Osborne had an idea it would be that kind of season from the outset. "I thought we had a chance," he said.

But the foreman of the eventual champions had some serious rethinking to do following an initial setback in Iowa City before anyone realized Iowa was Rose Bowl caliber.

Nebraska opened with an unbloodied

senior quarterback in Mark Mauer, an inexperienced senior fullback in Phil Bates and a heralded I-back starting his first game in Roger Craig. "Most of our people handling the ball had never started," Osborne said.

Front line defensive tackle Toby Williams was sorely missed because of illness.

"We thought Iowa might be the weakest of the four non-conference opponents. If we didn't get going, we would be 0-4," Osborne said.

The Husker staff made some changes in the offensive line the following week, and Nate Mason made the first of his two starts at quarterback before retiring for the season with an injury.

"We played with more intensity, and Roger Craig had one of the finest games a Nebraska I-back has ever had (234 yards)," and Florida State was swept aside.

Toby Williams came back against Penn State but was "not more than 50 or 60 percent," Osborne said. Fellow tackles Henry Waechter and John Stromath played hurt. "We were somewhat ineffective off tackle, and they hurt us there," Osborne said.

And the Huskers dropped to an uncustomary 1-2.

It was at that point that Osborne found it was going to be a "revealing season." The heat was on. "The grace period around here was not very long," he said. He wasn't complaining. "That's just the way it is," he said.

"When we were 1-2, I still thought we had a lot of talent, but I was afraid we wouldn't have a good year. I didn't see anything that couldn't be corrected. It would have been hopeless if I hadn't seen a chance to improve."

The low point in the season came midway through the fourth game, against Auburn.

Nebraska went to the half trailing 3-0 on a dreary, rainy afternoon. The Huskers left the field to a chorus of boos.

"I told the players straight out that their backs were to the wall," Osborne said. "The players regrouped. They gained some unity and leadership that day, and from that point on they got better."

Not coincidentally, plans to gradually work in a splendid sophomore quarterback named Turner Gill were scrubbed that afternoon against Auburn. The Gill-led Huskers pulled it out and tasted only victory thereafter.

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FINAL 1981 SEASON STATISTICS

TEAM

	Neb.	Opp.
First downs rushing	187	94
First downs passing	57	51
First downs penalty	6	9
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	250	154
Attempts rushing	661	503
Yards gained rushing	3805	1959
Yards lost rushing	170	415
NET YARDS RUSHING	3635	1544
Passes attempted	181	225
Passes completed	88	103
Passes had intercepted	11	19
NET YARDS PASSING	1177	1101
Total plays	842	728
TOTAL YARDAGE	4812	2645
Interception return yards	206	106
Punts-Yards	43-1832	75-3204
Punting average	42.6	42.7
Punts had blocked	2	0
Punt returns-yards	36-428	10-84
Kickoff returns-yds.	17-383	29-406
Penalties-yards	58-567	42-347
Fumbles-fumbles lost	43-24	41-23

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	att.	yds.	lost	net yds.	avg.	long	gain
Roger Craig	173	1070	10	1060	6.1	94	FS
Mike Rozier	151	945	2	943	6.2	93	KS
Phil Bates	94	559	4	555	5.9	39	MU
Turner Gill	76	335	72	263	3.5	30	OS

SCORING

	TD	2-Pat	FG	PAT	PTS
Kevin Seibel	—	—	3-10	43-44	52
Phil Bates	8	—	—	—	48
Roger Craig	6	—	—	—	36
Mike Rozier	6	—	—	—	36
Jamie Williams	4	—	—	—	24
Irving Fryar	4	—	—	—	24

SCORE BY QUARTERS

OPPONENTS	23	37	23	20	—	103
NEBRASKA	65	72	111	100	—	349

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(all games)

	unassisted tackles	assisted tackles	total	tackle for loss
LINEMEN				
Tony Felici	39	27	66	17-93
Henry Waechter	41	25	66	7-30
Jimmy Williams	41	20	61	18-69
Jeff Merrell	30	29	59	9-42

LINEBACKERS				
Steve Damkroger	59	57	116	9-35
Brent Evans	54	53	107	5-26
Mike Knox	6	7	13	2-2

BACKS				
Jeff Kreyel	34	29	63	0-0
Rodney Lewis	25	14	39	2-2
Sammy Sims	16	13	29	0-0

PASS RECEIVING

	caught	yds.	avg.	TD
Jamie Williams	22	282	12.8	4
Anthony Steels	15	187	12.5	2
Todd Brown	14	277	19.8	3
Roger Craig	12	87	7.3	0

PASSING

	Att-Com	Yds.	Int.	TD
Turner Gill	91-47	619	4	9
Mark Mauer	69-35	460	4	5

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Hartung 'Recovering' From Soviet Flame-Out



Husker still ranks as the brightest star in the United States gymnastics galaxy....and the best is yet to come.

Despite an admitted flame-out over the Soviet Union in his most recent international foray, the fastest-rising star in the United States' gymnastics galaxy insists he is not falling three years prematurely.

Ordinarily, a 15th-place finish in the World Game by the third-highest American would be cause for chest thumping and palm pounding. It is a measure of the improvement of the Americans in international competition and the rise of Jim Hartung in particular that 15th place against the globe's elite in the latest World Championships was accompanied by disappointment, frustration and resignation.

It is the difference between Hartung as a promising University of Nebraska freshman who was thrilled just to make the team in 1978 and finished 39th in Strasbourg, France, and the Cornhusker senior of today with two NCAA all-around titles on his belt, a No. 1 ranking by the United States Gymnastics Federation and the souvenirs

and scars from throwing his body around in 13 foreign countries.

Although he finished behind countrymen Bart Conner (11th) and Peter Vidmar (13th) in the World Championships that concluded in Moscow in early December, Hartung insisted he is on target to make his grandest splash at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984, then abruptly retire.

Hartung's Cornhusker coach, and U.S. Olympic coach, Francis Allen, claims Hartung is ahead of schedule, and Moscow was only a trifling nuisance.

"Anyone with any insight into the sport knew it was just a matter of time before he became the best in this country. I thought when he was in high school that he'd be the best in the country.

"He didn't wait. He passed 'em all up. Nobody ever thought he'd do what he's done. He's taken over every event in the NCAA," Allen said.

Hartung issued his warning as a

freshman in 1979 when he finished third behind the great Kurt Thomas and Oklahoman Conners in the all-around while leading the Huskers to their first collegiate championship at Baton Rouge, La.

Nebraska repeated the next year when Hartung won the all-around championship while Conners sat out a redshirt season.

The Huskers make it an unprecedented triple in 1981, and Hartung made his breakthrough by repeating in the all-around with the field intact — Conners and Vidmar of UCLA included.

Hartung replaced Conners atop the USGF rankings following the NCAA championships and has remained there through updates following the USA Championships and final trials for the World Championships.

Allen said, "He's made me coach of the year three times. Maybe four if I don't screw it up."

So what happened in Moscow? Har-



Jim Hartung on parallel bars

tung dropped back to 15th in the all-around after finishing ninth in the World Championships in Fort Worth, Tex., the year before.

"International competition is a whole new game; it's all in the name," Allen said, claiming that Hartung still trails Conners, a 1976 Olympian, in international reputation and the Americans in general are still paying for past inadequacies.

Hartung admitted that "it wasn't my most outstanding performance by far, but I was counting on a bad time and it affected everything."

Hartung had seen all he wanted of Moscow on a previous trip. It was a dreary experience. He kept to his room and the gym. He also felt the judging was "outrageous" in favor of Communist entrants, which he had anticipated from past experience.

"It's sad to say, but that type of judging kind of takes away a lot of the meaning of gymnastics and what you work for. You keep telling yourself that you did a good job and that you didn't get what you really deserved, and you knew that was going to happen before you went over there. But after it keeps happening and happening, you just finally get fed up with it.

"After five days of watching some pretty outrageous judging, the whole thing got to be a real drag," he said.

Hartung had no quarrel with the finish of the top three all-arounders — Soviets Yuri Korolev and Bogdan Makuc and Koji Gushiken of Japan, "and the top couple of gymnasts in each event probably won, but it was the fourth through the 15th gymnasts that were totally backwards," he said.

The distorted scoring results from the Communist bloc judges sticking together and predetermining places, Hartung claimed. But he is determined to overcome such inequity with hard work.

"For the U.S. to place in the top three in an international field we have to be so much better that there can be no doubt in anybody's mind," he said.

Hartung and his coach are well aware how the game is played. That is why they have waged a vigorous international exposure campaign the last two years.

"Hartung has been in more international matches than anybody in this country combined. We've taken every meet we could get the last two years. He

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needed that experience and exposure," Allen said. "Some day he's going to go into a meet in Germany and win it because he's been there."

"He's been accustomed to 15 competitions a year. If you added up the points like they do the statistics for the Heisman Trophy nobody would even be close to him. He's so durable and strong."

Hartung said, "You know you're not going to get it in international scoring, not yet, so you just go out there with the attitude of doing your best and representing the U.S. It's a big honor to be on the team. You don't go there with the idea of winning anything."

That is why, Hartung said, his greatest thrills so far have been winning

NCAA competition. I like the team thing. One person can't do it all."

"He's been a great inspiration and a hell of a leader," Allen said.

After the collegiate championships, Hartung will cut back to a half-dozen major competitions a year in preparation for the 1984 Olympics, concentrating on improving his weaker events, the parallel bars and high bar. "The other four are up to anybody's," he said.

In the World Championships, Hartung's seventh place in vaulting was the highest American finish. He was 10th in floor exercise and rings and 11th in pommel horse.

"I'll have enough experience competition-wise after this college season. I want to cut back and spend more time perfecting new skills," Hartung said.

Hartung's emergence is testimony, Allen said, to "his strength, durability and explosiveness. He was tough to start with. He knows every routine

everybody does. He knows what he can do and what his body can do. The question is whether he'll last until 1984. Not many gymnasts have accomplished what he has. He's spent a lot of years getting where he is."

Hartung started with acrobatics as a 5-year-old under the tutelage of Phil Cahoy Sr. (father of Husker Olympian Phil Cahoy) at the Sokol Hall in South Omaha.

He came back from wrist surgery last summer, was bothered by an ankle injury for nearly a year and was scheduled for surgery to remove bone chips from an elbow in December. "I've had a lot of dislocated fingers, but you have 10 of those," he said.

"If you're going to be a good gymnast in our system," Allen said, "you've got to pay the price, and paying the price is being in the gym."

"I kind of like to compete, and pain is part of it," Hartung added.

"It hurts a lot more than it used to, but I'm improving every year. You know it's at an end when you're feeling bad and you're not improving."

Hartung claims he has outside interests such as hunting Nebraska pheasants and quail. Allen, however, said, "Yeh, he may go hunting or fishing four or five times a year, but his pastime is recovering from the last practice."

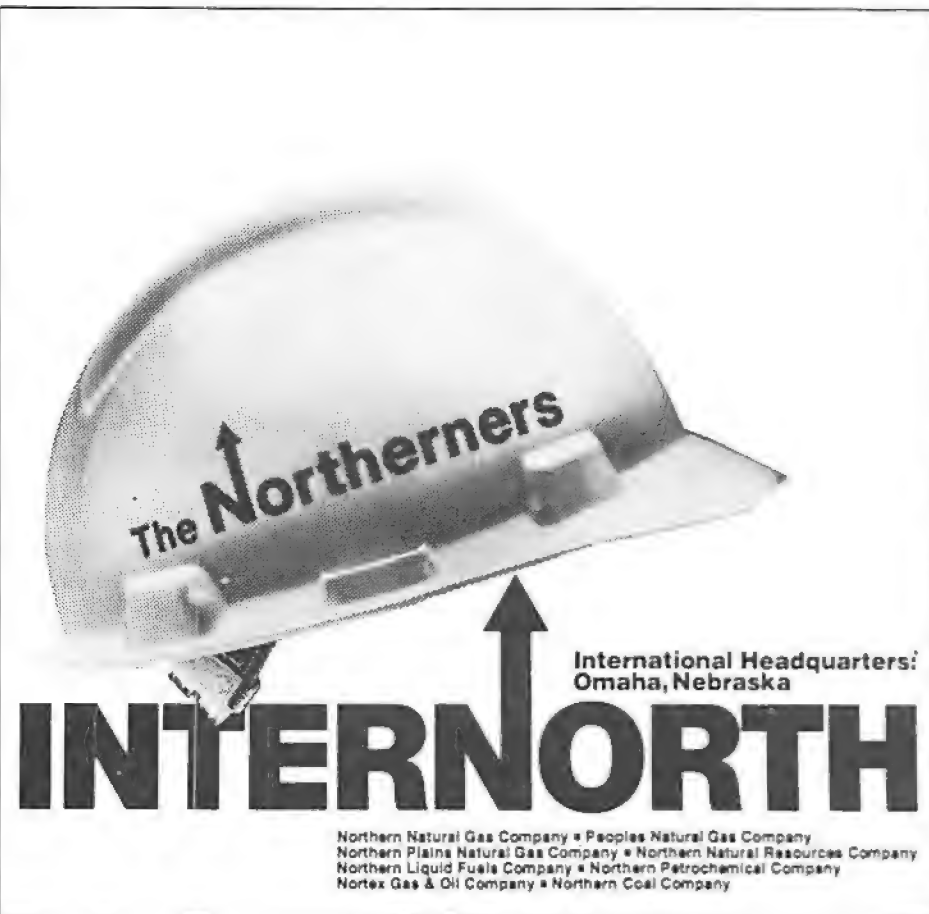
Allen admitted he spends less time coaching his international competitors such as Hartung, Cahoy, Scotty Johnson, Steve Elliott and Jim Mikus than he does his less experienced gymnasts. "All you do is watch them. I spend all my time making arrangements for Jim."

Hartung said, "We're going to work pretty much the same whether the coach is in the room or not. Our goal is the NCAA, but for six or seven of us, the ultimate goal is the Olympics. If there is a day when we screw off, it's pretty easily forgiven because Francis knows we need it."

Hartung was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, and he regretted not competing because of the boycott despite his aversion to Moscow. "I did as much as I could. If we'd sent a team, I would have been on it."

That disappointment serves as a prod for '84.

"That's the goal. I'll be at my peak age and physical condition, and it's going to be in the United States," he said. "Then I'll probably retire." ●



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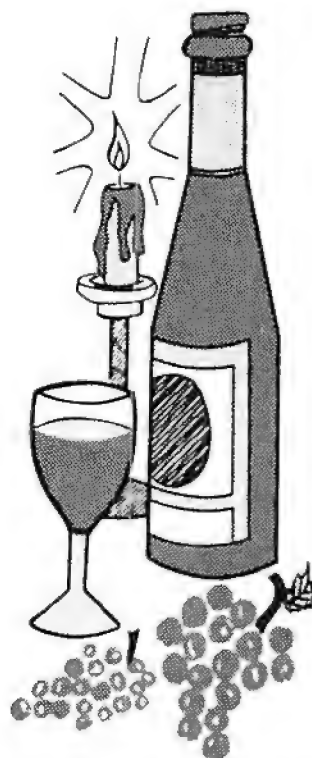
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Inside Husker Sports

After a brisk five-mile run before joining his team for an Orange Bowl practice, Husker Coach Tom Osborne quipped: "At least I think I can beat Danny Ford (Clemson coach) in a five-mile race. But I don't know if that will help us beat Clemson. And I'm not sure anybody cares if I can beat Danny Ford in a race."

Nebraska defensive end Tony Felici suffered a deep puncture wound in his left bicep when he slipped coming out of a shower and was impaled by the sharp end of a broken towel rack. The injury required 14 stitches and left an ugly bruise.

Felici, a team cutup, had fun explaining the mishap to his teammates. "I was going through one of Boyd Epley's (strength coach) weight routines. Boyd told me just one more rep (repetition), and it (the muscle) exploded on me," he said.

Other Felici explanations: "There was this guy with a knife. . ." And, "I got shot, but I was lucky. He just winged me."

Dennis Rimington, 26-year-old brother of Outland Trophy-winner Dave, introduced the Husker All-American to weight lifting. Dave is 6-3 and 285 pounds, outgrowing his older brother by five inches and 45 pounds. But Dave insists, "I don't want to mess with him. I try to stay on the good side of him."

Dave well remembers the time when he was 17 and three toughs walked into the family grocery store in South Omaha. An argument ensued, and Dennis was cut on the forehead with a knife. "We went kind of crazy," Dave said. "Dennis cleaned up on two of them, and I took care of the other one."

Victor Chacon, Nebraska's 6-11 basketball center via the Dominican Republic and Southeast Community College in Burlington, Iowa, is the latest Husker athlete to receive treatment for an ailing back in Toronto. Chacon received injections of papaya juice extract to heal a herniated disc. The treatment has not been approved

in the U.S. Current fullback Doug Wilkening and former offensive lineman Mark Goodspeed are the most recent Huskers to recover after such treatment.

When Nebraska set the school rushing record of 4,161 yards in 1980, Jarvis Redwine and Craig Johnson, the No. 1 and 2 I-backs combined for 1,504 yards. The team record stood, but the No. 1 and 2 I-backs, Roger Craig and Mike Rozier, gained 1,060 and 975 yards, respectively for a combined 2,035.

Jack Moore, the Huskers' fireplug senior basketball guard, finished last season as the nation's No. 2 foul shooter with a .922 percentage (118 x 128). He is No. 4 on the NCAA career list with a .8922 percentage.

Nebraska's three-time national gymnastics champions have a chance to join Illinois (1939-42) as the only teams to win four consecutive NCAA championships. Individually, Jim Hartung is aiming to become the first to win three straight outright all-around titles, and Hartung can become the first to win three still rings championships. Teammate Phil Cahoy can set records of three straight NCAA titles on the high bar and parallel bars.

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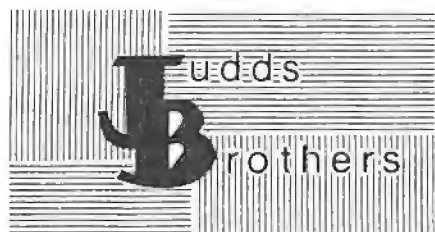
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Ric Lindquist, senior defensive back from Plattsmouth, receives the first annual American Charter Continuing Education Scholarship Award, presented by Chairman Leonard Whittaker of American Charter Federal Savings and Loan Association. The presentation was made at a luncheon at the Lincoln Hilton Hotel in December. Lindquist will enroll in Law School this year. The award in the amount of \$1,650 is the amount contributed to the fund each Saturday during the 1981 season in honor of the American Charter "Player of the Game." Whittaker cited the high standards of academic excellence in the Nebraska football program in helping to make American Charter's participation possible.



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class. Plant that seed of doubt, and the Atlantic Coast Conference reps would cave in, the reasoning went.

On the first series, Mauer pitched out wildly, and Clemson recovered on the NU 28. The Tigers jumped out with the first of three field goals by Donald Igwebuike.

Before the quarter was over, Nebraska would be flagged twice for holding, once for pass interference and once for clipping. An offside penalty on a kickoff cost the Huskers 19 yards of valuable field position. The first kick carried to the end zone. The second resulted in a runback to the 39.

Another clipping call in the second quarter and a fumble at their own 27 stymied the Huskers and led to a Tiger touchdown.

In the first half, Nebraska labored with horrid field position. Its drives started at its own end from the 25, 31, 13, 20, 20 and 20. Clemson set up at the Nebraska 28, 42 and 27 and from their own 39, 24 and 49.

Nebraska, however, clung to a 7-6 quarter lead when Rozier, he of the strong legs, showed he was not shabby of arm by lofting a 25-yard rainbow to wingback Anthony Steels for a touchdown.

Misfortune struck Nebraska in the second quarter when monster back Sammy Sims tipped a pass that was destined for incompleteness into the arms of Frank Magwood for a 42-yard gain. "I'll probably remember that one most," Sims raved. "I thought I could tip it to myself. I really couldn't understand it."

The Huskers survived that scare when Lindquist outwrestled Perry Tuttle for an end zone interception.

Despite the early adversity, Nebraska still would have held the halftime lead instead of a 12-7 deficit had a controversial fumble ruling at the Nebraska 9 gone the other way. Nebraska middle guard Jeff Merrell emerged from the pile and held the ball aloft. The refs said Clemson's ball.

"I had the ball. I came up with it, so that speaks for itself. It turned out to be a pretty big play because they scored after it," Merrell said.

At the half, Osborne finally started talking national championship. Pitt was hanging tough against Georgia in New

Orleans, and he could see the puzzle coming together.

But in the third quarter, Clemson strung together a 75-yard drive that was legitimate all the way, Jordan lofting a 13-yard touchdown pass to Tuttle. Another field goal made it 22-7 at the end of three.

Husker hopes mounted with a 69-yard touchdown march in two minutes, 50 seconds with Craig fleeing the final 26 yards on an option left. They cut it to 22-15 on a two-point conversion run by Craig despite a delay-of-game penalty because snapper Brad Johnson was in at center in place of Rimington.

The conversion play was designed as a hook pass to the right to the wingback, but Mauer spotted a weakness and audibled a pitch to the left.

There was still 9:15 to play. Another touchdown and two-point conversion would do it. The defense held, and the offense went back out from its own 37 with 7:49 remaining.

The p.a. voice said Pitt was leading 24-20.

Would it be 1970 or 1965?

On the first play, Rozier broke 13 yards to midfield. Hold it. Yet another yellow flag. Holding again. End of threat.

Clemson ran out all but the last six seconds. "It was frustrating," safety Jeff Krejci said. "All I could do was stay in my coverage and watch (as Tigers picked up two critical first downs on the ground.)."

"We just beat ourselves tonight," Craig said. "I thought sure we were going to win. We had the momentum. The penalties killed us."

Wingback Steels said, "Once in a lifetime, and we blew it."

Tackle Hurley added: "We had it right where we wanted it. We'd beat them eight out of 10, but tonight was theirs. We're not going to hang our heads, though. We gave it our shot."

And Mauer: "I'd like to play them again under different circumstances, without all the penalties and mistakes. But they're part of the game. They were our fault. We made them."

Osborne said, of course Clemson deserved to be national champions. "They're a great team, and I certainly congratulate them. There was so much at stake. I thought we were good enough to win it."

"In some ways, they beat us. In other ways, we beat ourselves."

As the Nebraska coaches upstairs in the booth made their way out of the press box, Tenopir said wearily, "We had it all set up."

Gene Huey, coach of the wingbacks and tight ends, allowed: "It's been a long year."

They boarded the elevator for the ride to ground level. The door started to close, then balked. Huey pressed the button again. The door moved again and stopped. Again and again as Huey mashed the button in exasperation. The vignette was appropriate.

The door finally slammed shut on the Nebraska season, eight points shy of the whole load. ●

CLEMSON 22, NEBRASKA 15

Nebraska Cornhuskers	7	0	0	8	— 15
Clemson Tigers	6	6	10	0	— 22
CU — Igwebuike	41	yard	field	goal	
NU — Steels	25	pass	from	Rozier (Seibel kick)	
CU — Igwebuike	37	yard	field	goal	
CU — Austin	2	run	(pass failed)		
CU — Tuttle	13	pass	from	Jordan (Pauling kick)	
CU — Igwebuike	36	yard	field	goal	
NU — Craig	26	run	(Craig run)		

TEAM STATS

Nebraska		Clemson
13	First Downs	17
40-193	Yards Rushing	52-155
6-17-63	Yards Passing	11-22-1-134
256	Total Offense	289
3-2	Fumbles-Lost	3-0
6-43	Punts-Avg.	4-45.8

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUALS

Rushing — Craig 10 carries for 87 yards, Rozier 15 for 75, Bates 6 for 24, Mauer 7 for 10 and Steels 7 for 10.

Passing — Mauer 5 completions, 15 attempts for 38 yards, Rozier, 1, 1, 25; Fryar, 0, 1, 0.

Receiving — Jamie Williams 2 catches for 8 yards, Steels 1 for 25, Brown 1 for 13, Wilkening 1 for 6 and Rozier 1 for 11.

CLEMSON INDIVIDUALS

Rushing — McCall 12 carries for 48 yards, Jordan 16 for 46, Austin 7 for 22, McSwain 12 for 24 and Mack 5 for 15.

Passing — Jordan 11 completions, 22 attempts for 134 yards.

Receiving — Tuttle 5 catches for 56 yards, Magwood 1 for 42, Gallard 3 for 26 and Diggs 2 for 10.

Kicker Kevin Seibel tosses his wife into the hotel swimming pool in Miami as the Huskers enjoy Orange Bowl relaxation. (Photo by Randy Hampton)





Mike Rozier picks up part of his 137 yards against Oklahoma.

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Along with Gill, another sophomore, Mike Rozier emerged as a dominating force at I-back. The quick and powerful New Jersey native had introduced himself with a 250-yard scrimmage in fall camp. He gave the Huskers a tailback tandem, with Craig, of unprecedented strength. Both would be named to All-Big Eight teams.

Other stars were to blossom in the race through the Big Eight. Allen Lyday "came out of the blue" to play quality cornerback, Tony Felici said "Derrie who?" and became an All-Big Eight defensive end. Mitch Krenk filled in admirably at tight end for ailing Jamie Williams. Bates played superb fullback. Dean Steinkuhler became a fixture in the offensive line and cleared the way for Bates' decisive touchdown in the final seconds against Missouri. Irving Fryar became the most dynamic kick returner since Johnny Rodgers.

"Another guy who had a great year was (safety, Jeff) Krejci," a senior who started for the first time and became all-

conference. "We were really concerned after losing Russell Gary (three-year regular)," Osborne said. "We knew Jeff played the pass well, but Russell was like a linebacker. Jeff became quite a good tackler.

"Krejci, Felici and Lyday were the most pleasant surprises," Osborne said.

Gill started for the first time against Colorado in the Big Eight opener. He was brilliant while passing for four touchdowns and rushing for 46 yards. The Buffs were blitzed, 59-0, in "our best game to that point," Osborne said.

And the run was on.

Kansas State fell meekly, and Missouri put up a valiant fight in a defensive gem. "The defense bailed us out. It was only 6-0, but it was very satisfying. It helped Turner to play a game like that," Osborne said.

Oklahoma State was routed, and Kansas and Iowa State followed after stiff early resistance. "We were overconfident or flat, but we won both by a comfortable margin," Osborne said.

The championship was intact after Iowa State, but there was still unfinished business in Norman. The Sooners struck swiftly for a 7-0 lead, but the Huskers, with Gill lost to leg surgery, dusted off an unlikely hero in Mauer. Remember him from the Iowa game?

Mauer was nearly flawless, and the Huskers unrelenting in a near-mismatch.

"We played 60 minutes of very good football. I was pleased that Mauer ended it on that type of note," Osborne said.

Osborne had fielded better offenses, better defenses and better kicking games. But not at the same time. "The reason that this was my best team was that it was a very, very solid football team," he said.

Osborne ticked off the evidence of his team's all-around strength: first in the nation in pass defense, second in rushing offense, fourth in scoring defense, sixth in total offense, total defense, net punting and punt returning, eight in scoring offense, 12th in kickoff returns.

Of course, the Huskers owned the Big Eight stats.

The stars of preseason played as advertised. Center Dave Rimington won the Outland Trophy, and he and end Jimmy Williams were consensus All-Americans. The Huskers dominated the All-Big Eight teams.

"The Big Eight championship was our goal," Osborne said. "The Oklahoma game clearly demonstrated that we'd earned it." ●

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